

ANNUAL REPORTS

of the Town of

FRANCESTOWN

New Hampshire

For the 12 months
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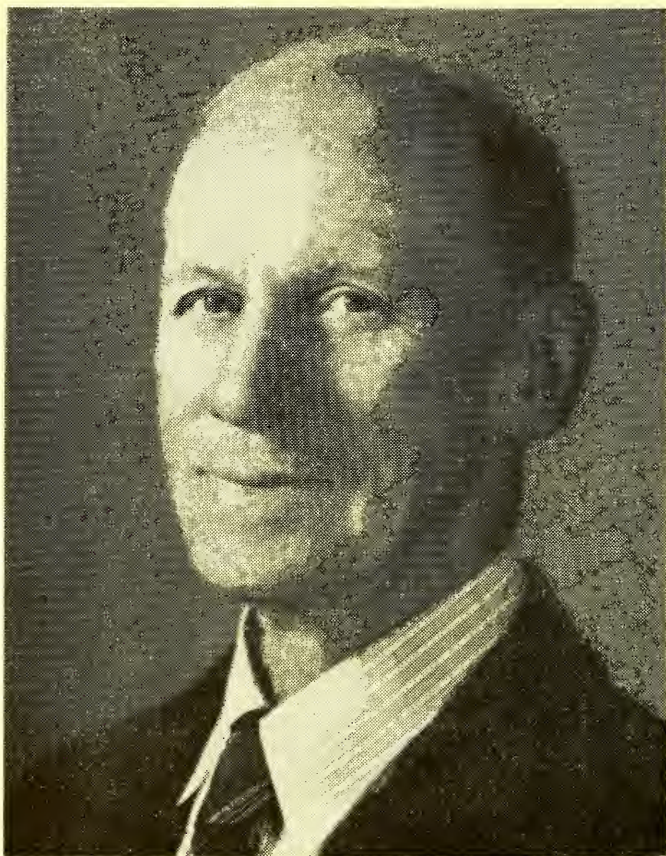
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RODNEY G. MILLS

1877 — 1957

Public Servant

Faithful Friend

Christian Gentleman

Tax Collector

Trustee of Trust Funds

Member of Cemetery Commission

TOWN OFFICERS

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Moderator—William C. MacAdam.

Town Clerk—Herman C. Miller.

Selectmen—Charles W. Abbott, Frederick H. Thompson,
George E. Kunhardt, Jr.

Treasurer—Herman C. Miller.

Tax Collector—Rodney G. Mills.

Board of Education—C. Gladys St. John, Arnold B. Bailey,
Shirley L. Jones.

Auditors—Division of Municipal Auditing, State Tax Com-
mission.

Supervisors—Rodney G. Mills, William A. Lord, R. Franklin
Mace.

Road Agent—Clayton F. Foote.

Overseer of Poor—Paul T. Bradbury.

Trustees of Trust Funds—Paul T. Bradbury, Rodney G. Mills
Elizabeth P. Wiederhold.

Library Trustees—Arnold B. Bailey, Henry B. Hill, Elizabeth
S. Thompson.

Cemetery Commissioners—Rodney G. Mills, Walter A. Creigh-
ton, William A. Lord.

Fire Wards—Norman J. Stewart, Paul T. Bradbury, Victor
White, R. Franklin Mace, Walter A. Creighton.

Election Officers—C. Gladys St. John, Shirley L. Jones, Gladys
C. Vadney, Orloff W. Miller.

Board of Adjustment—William A. Lord, Francis Abbott, Paul
T. Bradbury.

Chief of Police—Walter A. Creighton.

Special Police—Norman J. Stewart, Royal S. Cleaves.

Fence Viewers—Frederick H. Thompson, Norton R. Brown,
Norman J. Stewart.

Civil Defense Director—Paul T. Bradbury.

TOWN WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Francestown in the County of Hillsborough in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at Town Hall in said Francestown on Tuesday, the 12th day of March, next at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the budget as submitted by the Selectmen, or make any alterations in the same and raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to finance the same as finally adopted.
3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred (\$200.00) dollars, to be placed in the capital reserve fund for future fire truck replacement, or take any action relating thereto.
4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand five hundred (\$1,500.00) dollars, to be placed in the capital reserve fund for Town buildings, or take any action relating thereto.
5. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to reserve from all available Summer Highway Funds, not less than one thousand five hundred (\$1,500.00) dollars for road maintenance after September 1, inasmuch as they are responsible for the expenditure of money and the discharge of duties of the Highway Agent under the Rev. Laws of the State of New Hampshire, Chap. 96, Sec. 9.
6. To see if the Town will vote to replace the Zoning Ordinance as passed and amended by the Town to the year 1956, with the Ordinance as recommended by the Town Advisory Committee, or take any action relating thereto.
7. To see if the Town will vote to accept ownership of Fire and related Equipment now in possession of the Volunteer Fire Company, or take any action relating thereto.
8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred fifty (\$250.00) dollars to re-shingle the roof of the Town Library, or take any action relating thereto.

9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Moderator to appoint a Committee of three (3) to make a study of the type of building needed to house the Fire Trucks and Town Equipment; to raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred (\$500.) dollars to cover the costs of estimates and preliminary building plans to be submitted with a complete report at the next Town Meeting, or take any action relating thereto.

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars to be placed in a capital reserve fund for the purpose of establishing a new cemetery, or take any action relating thereto.

11. To see if the Town will vote to accept from the Alison Bixby Hill Estate the property adjoining the Town Library, or take any action relating thereto.

12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow a sufficient sum of money to pay current expenses in anticipation of taxes, or take any action relating thereto.

13. To see if the Town will vote to have the State of New Hampshire Municipal Auditing Division audit the Town books, or take any action relating thereto.

14. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, and Committees heretofore chosen and take action on same.

15. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 15th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-seven.

CHARLES W. ABBOTT
FREDERICK H. THOMPSON
GEORGE E. KUNHARDT, JR.
Selectmen of Francestown

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

CHARLES W. ABBOTT
FREDERICK H. THOMPSON
GEORGE E. KUNHARDT, JR.
Selectmen of Francestown

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN, N. H.

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year January 1, 1957 to December 31, 1957. Compared with Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and Expenditures of the Previous Year January 1, 1956 to December 31, 1956.

Sources of Revenue	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1956	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1956	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1957
From State:			
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$6,767 52	\$6,752 49	\$6,752 49
Savings Bank Tax	31 56	38 30	38 30
From Local Sources Except Taxes:			
Dog Licenses	246 00	251 80	251 80
Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees	14 50	20 00	20 00
Rent of Town Hall & Other Bldgs.	121 00	60 00	60 00
Interest Rec'd on Taxes & Deposits	149 78	156 39	156 39
Refunds		4 54	
Head Tax Commission		107 00	107 00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	2,601 17	2,535 12	2,535 12
Sale of Town Property		357 10	
From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:			
(a) Poll Taxes—Regular at \$2	416 00	396 00	416 00
(c) Yield Taxes	746 41	746 41	746 41
TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES EXCEPT PROP. TAXES			
	\$10,677 94	\$11,425 15	\$11,083 51
Amt. to be raised by Prop. Taxes			\$48,086 81
TOTAL REVENUES			\$59,170 32

Purposes of Expenditures	Appro'ps Previous Year 1956	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1956	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Year 1957
Current Maintenance Expenses:			
General Government:			
Town Officers' Salaries	\$1,442 77	\$1,689 77	\$1,609 77
Town Officers' Expenses	1,500 00	1,206 30	1,500 00
Election & Registration Expenses	225 00	184 63	75 00
Expenses Town Hall & other bldgs.	500 00	332 51	400 00
Protection of Persons and Property:			
Police Department	100 00	214 51	150 00
Fire Department	1,200 00	1,177 00	900 00
Moth Exterm, Blister Rust & Care of Trees			200 00
Insurance	1,325 00	1,317 46	1,325 00
Civil Defense	250 00	674 84	225 00
Health:			
Vital Statistics	15 00	9 75	12 00
Town Dump & Garbage Removal	150 00	150 00	150 00
Highways and Bridges:			
Town Maintenance -- Summer	6,000 00	7,223 61	8,000 00
Town Maintenance -- Winter	3,200 00	5,165 28	5,165 28
Street Lighting	660 96	660 96	660 96
General Expenses of Highway Dept.	500 00	605 88	600 00
Town Road Aid	833 73	833 73	831 48
Libraries	1,814 85	1,814 85	2,028 85
Public Welfare:			
Town Poor	200 00	220 50	200 00
Old Age Assistance	1,206 59	1,230 05	1,230 05
Patriotic Purposes:			
Memorial Day & Vet. As.	25 00	17 10	25 00
Public Service Enterprises:			
Cemeteries	200 00	200 00	200 00
Unclassified:			
Advertising & Regional As.	100 00	100 00	104 00

Purposes of Expenditures	Approp's Previous Year 1956	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1956	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Year 1957
Interest:			
On Temporary Loans	150 00	176 67	175 00
On Long Term Notes & Bonds	150 00	125 76	125 00
Indebtedness:			
Payment on Principal of Debt:			
(b) Long Term Notes	1,830 00	1,830 00	2,330 00
(c) Payment to Capital Reserve Funds	1,700 00	1,700 00	
Payments to Other Gov. Divs.:			
County Taxes	4,770 96	4,770 96	4,770 96
School Taxes	28,917 66	23,476 52	26,176 97
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$58,967 52	\$57,108 64	\$59,170 32

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION OF THE TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY FOR THE TAX YEAR 1956

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY		VALUATION
Lands and buildings (exclusive of growing wood and timber)		\$914,005
Mills and machinery		4,950
Electric plants		65,000
House trailers used as dwelling	1	1,800
Stock in trade		6,580
Horses, asses and mules	19	1,065
Cows	230	25,765
Other neat stock	27	2,545
Sheep and goats	429	10,245
Fowls	6296	3,905
Gasoline pumps and tanks		550
Portable mills	4	22,000
Wood, lumber, etc.		11,050
Total gross valuation before exemptions allowed		\$1,069,460
Less: Soldiers' exemptions and exemptions to blind		24,800
Net Valuation on which tax rate is computed		\$1,044,660
Public Service Co., electric plant		\$65,000
Amount of property valuation exempted to veterans		\$24,800
Number of veterans who received property exemption		25

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Date January 11, 1957.

CHARLES W. ABBOTT

FREDERICK H. THOMPSON

GEORGE E. KUNHARDT, JR.

Selectmen of Francestown

**STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES
ASSESSED FOR THE TAX YEAR 1956 OF THE TOWN OF
FRANCESTOWN IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY**

APPROPRIATIONS:

Town Officers' Salaries		\$1,442 77
Town Officers' Expenses		1,500 00
Election and Registration Expenses		225 00
Town Hall and Buildings Maint.		500 00
Police Department		100 00
Fire Department	\$1,177 00	
Forest Fires	23 00	
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		1,200 00
Civilian Defense		250 00
Dump and Garbage Collection		150 00
Vital Statistics		15 00
State Aid Construction		833 73
Town Maintenance—Summer	\$6,000 00	
Town Maintenance—Winter	3,200 00	
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		9,200 00
General Expenses of Highway Dept.		500 00
Insurance		1,325 00
Street Lighting		660 96
Libraries		1,814 85
Old Age Assistance		1,206 59
Public Relief		200 00
Memorial Day		25 00
Cemeteries		200 00
Advertising & Regional As.		100 00
Payments on Debt, Principal	\$1,830 00	
Interest	300 00	
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		2,130 00
County Tax		4,770 96
School Tax		28,917 66
Capital Reserve Fund		1,700 00
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Total Town and School Appropriations		\$58,967 52

Less: Estimated Revenues and Credits:

Interest and Dividends Tax	\$6,767 52
Savings Bank Tax	31 56
Revenue from Yield Tax Sources	746 41
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	2,601 17
Dog Licenses	246 00
Business Licenses and Permits	14 50
Rent of Town Property & Equipment	121 00

Int. on Taxes and Income from Trust Funds	149 78	
Total Revenues and Credits		\$10,677 94
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		\$48,289 58
Plus Overlay		180 78
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Net Amount to be raised by Taxation		\$48,470 36
Less: Number 208 of Poll Taxes at \$2.00		416 00
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Amount to be raised by property taxes		\$48,054 36
Taxes to be committed to Collector:		
Property Taxes		\$48,054 36
Poll Taxes at \$2.00		416 00
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Total Taxes to be Committed		\$48,470 36
Approved by Tax Comm. \$4.60		

CERTIFICATE

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Date January 11, 1957.

CHARLES W. ABBOTT
 FREDERICK H. THOMPSON
 GEORGE E. KUNHARDT, JR.
 Selectmen of Francestown

EXHIBIT A-3

TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN

Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1956

	Forwarded From 1955	Appro- priations	Receipts and Reim- bursements	Total Amount Available	Expenditures	Unexpended	Balances Overdrafts	Forwarded to 1957 Liabilities
Town Officers' Salaries	\$1,442 77			\$1,442 77	\$1,689 77		\$247 00	
Town Officers' Expenses	1,500 00		\$10 00	1,510 00	1,206 30	\$303 70		
Election & Registration Expenses	225 00			225 00	184 63	40 37		
Town Hall & Buildings Mainte.	500 00			500 00	332 51	167 49		
Police Department	100 00			100 00	214 51			
Fire Department	\$339 77			1,539 77	1,177 00		114 51	
Civilian Defense	250 00		424 84	674 84	674 84			\$362 77
Dump & Garbage Collection	150 00			150 00	150 00			
Vital Statistics	15 00			15 00	9 75	5 25		
Town Road Aid	833 73			833 73	833 73			
Town Maintenance—Summer	6,000 00			6,000 00	7,223 61		1,223 61	
Town Maintenance—Winter	3,200 00		38 64	3,238 64	5,165 28		1,926 64	
General Expenses of Highway Dept.	500 00		44 73	544 73	605 88		61 15	
Insurance	1,325 00			1,325 00	1,317 46	7 54		
Street Lighting	660 96			660 96	660 96			
Libraries	1,814 85			1,814 85	1,814 85			
Old Age Assistance	1,206 59			1,206 59	1,230 05		23 46	
Public Relief	200 00			200 00	220 50		20 50	
Memorial Day	25 00			25 00	17 10	7 90		
Cemeteries	200 00			200 00	200 00			
Advertising & Regional As.	100 00			100 00	100 00			
Principal of Debt	1,830 00			1,830 00	1,830 00			

Interest on Debt	300 00	300 00	302 43	2 43
County Tax	4,770 96	4,770 96	4,770 96	
School Tax	28,917 66	39,394 18	23,476 52	
Capital Reserve Fund	1,700 00	1,700 00	1,700 00	
Overlay	180 78	180 78	228 57	47 79
Town Hall—Special	179 47	1,000 00	920 05	259 42
Class V Highways		1,612 69	1,403 62	209 07
Temporary Loans		12,000 00	12,000 00	
Yield Tax Deposits		30 00	30 00	
New Trust Funds		300 00	300 00	
Totals	\$10,995 76	\$59,148 30	\$15,460 90	\$3,667 09
			\$1,000 74	\$16,280 43

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1956

ASSETS

Cash in hands of treasurer	\$12,977 56	
In hands of Tax Collector	128 31	
	<hr/>	\$13,105 87
Capital Reserve Funds		3,464 11
Accounts Due to the Town:		
Savings Bank Tax		38 30
Unredeemed Taxes:		
Levy of 1955	\$815 64	
Levy of 1954	785 91	
Previous Years	89 91	
	<hr/>	1,691 46
Uncollected Taxes:		
Levy of 1956	\$5,361 08	
Levy of 1955	5 62	
Levy of 1954	87 20	
Previous Years	280 10	
State Head Taxes—Levy of 1956	290 00	
State Head Taxes—Previous Years	80 00	
	<hr/>	6,104 00
Total Assets		<hr/> \$24,403 74

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by the Town:		
Forest Fires	\$362 77	
Special Yield Taxes Uncollected	4 82	
Special Yield Taxes Collected—Not Remitted	187 73	
Reserve a/c Future Yield Tax Loss	216 32	
Due to State:		
State Head Taxes, 1956		
Uncollected	\$290 00	
Collected, not remitted to State Treas.	24 50	
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Due to School Districts:		
Balance of Appropriation	15,917 66	
	<hr/>	\$17,003 80

Capital Reserve Funds		3,464 11
Long Term Notes Outstanding:		
Painting Old Meeting House	\$1,500 00	
Grader Note	1,330 00	
Painting Town Hall	1,000 00	
		<hr/> 3,830 00
Total Liabilities		\$24,297 91
Surplus		105 83
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Grand Total		\$24,403 74

**EXHIBIT A-2
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN**

**Analysis of Change in Financial Condition
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1956**

Surplus—Dec. 31, 1955	\$1,632 90	
Surplus—Dec. 31, 1956	105 83	
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Decrease in Surplus		\$1,527 07

Analysis of Change

Decreases:

Long Term Notes Issued	\$1,000 00	
Net Budget Deficit	2,311 74	
Tax Liens Transferred to Tax Deeds	45 33	
	<hr/>	\$3,357 07

Increase:

Long Term Notes Paid	1,830 00	
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Net Decrease in Surplus		\$1,527 07
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RECEIPTS

Current Revenue:

From Local Taxes:

Property Taxes, Current Year, 1956	\$42,698 98	
Poll Taxes, Current Year, 1956	308 00	
Yield Taxes, 1956	1,126 40	
State Head Taxes at \$5, 1956	975 00	
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Total Current Year's Taxes collected and remitted		\$45,108 38
Property Taxes & Yield Taxes, Previous Years		4,400 49
Poll Taxes, Previous Years		96 00

State Head Taxes at \$5, Previous years	285 00
Interest received on Taxes	156 39
Penalties on State Head Taxes	33 00
Tax sales redeemed	220 80

From State:

(b) For Class V Highway maintenance	\$1,612 69
Interest and dividends tax	6,752 49
Reimbursement a/c exemption of growing wood & timber	855 61

From Local Sources, Except Taxes:

Dog licenses	251 80
Business licenses, permits & filing fees	20 00
Rent of town property	60 00
Income from departments	38 64
Reg. of motor vehicles, 1956, permits	2,535 12

Total Current Revenue Receipts	\$62,426 41
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Receipts Other than Current Revenue:

Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes during year	\$12,000 00
Long term notes during year	1,000 00
Refunds	49 54
Gifts	424 84
New Trust Funds received during year	300 00
Sale of town property	401 83

Total Receipts other than Current Revenue	\$14,176 21
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Total Receipts from All Sources	\$76,602 62
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1956	\$10,153 17

Grand Total	\$86,755 79
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PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Expenses:

General Government:

Town officers' salaries	\$1,689 77
Town officers' expenses	1,206 30
Election & registration expenses	184 63
Expenses town hall & other town bldgs.	1,252 56
Police department	214 51
Fire dept., including forest fires	1,177 00
Insurance	1,317 46
Civil Defense	674 84

Health:		
Vital statistics		9 75
Town dumps & garbage removal		150 00
Highways and Bridges:		
Town Road Aid		833 73
Town Maint.—Summer	\$7,223 61	
—Winter	5,165 28	
Class V	1,403 62	
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Street lighting		660 96
General Exp. of Highway Dept.		605 88
Libraries		1,814 85
Public Welfare:		
Old age assistance		1,230 05
Town poor		220 50
Patriotic Purposes:		
Memorial Day & Vet. As.		17 10
Public Service Enterprise:		
Cemeteries		200 00
Total Payments		<hr/> \$27,252 40
Unclassified:		
Advertising & Regional As.		100 00
Taxes bought by town		819 92
Discounts, abatements & refunds		30 00
		<hr/> 949 92
Total Current Maintenance Expenses		<hr/> \$28,202 32
Interest:		
Paid on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes		\$176 67
Paid on long term notes		125 76
Total Interest Payments		<hr/> \$302 43
Indebtedness:		
Payments on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes		\$ 12,000 00
Payments on long term notes		1,830 00
Payments to capital reserve funds		1,700 00
Payments to trustees of trust funds		
New Funds		300 00
Total Indebtedness Payments		<hr/> \$15,830 00

Payments to Other Gov. Divs.:

State Head Taxes paid State Treas.	
1956 Taxes	\$860 00
Prior Years	336 00
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	\$1,196 00
Taxes paid to County	4,770 96
Payments to School Districts	
1955 Tax	\$11,566 18
1956 Tax	11,910 34
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	\$23,476 52
 Total Payments to Other Gov. Divs	
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	\$29,443 48
 Total Payments for all Purposes	
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	\$73,778 23
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1956	12,977 56
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Grand Total	\$86,755 79

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

DESCRIPTION	VALUE
Town Hall, lands and buildings	\$25,000 00
Furniture and equipment	500 00
Libraries, lands and buildings	8,000 00
Furniture and equipment	2,000 00
Fire Dept., lands and buildings	2,000 00
Equipment	8,000 00
Highway Dept., lands and buildings	150 00
Schools, lands and buildings	15,000 00
Equipment	3,000 00
Town dump land	200 00
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Total	\$58,850 00

CERTIFICATE

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CHARLES W. ABBOTT
 FREDERICK H. THOMPSON
 GEORGE E. KUNHARDT, JR.
 Selectmen

HERMAN C. MILLER
 Treasurer

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

1956

Auto permits: 329 issued		\$2,535 12
Dog licenses: 17 females	\$86 50	
2 kennel	36 00	
72 males and spayed	147 50	
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	\$270 00	
Paid out: Commission on 91 dogs	18 20	
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Filing fees		\$251 80
		10 00
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Total receipts		\$2,796 92

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN C. MILLER
Town Clerk

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

SUMMARY OF WARRANT—LEVY OF 1956

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1956

DR.	Property Taxes	Poll Taxes	Yield Taxes	Interest
Taxes Committed to Collector	\$48,053 76	\$416 00	\$1,153 36	
Added Taxes During Year		2 00	1 92	
Interest Collected During Year				\$2 11
Total Debits	\$48,053 76	\$418 00	\$1,155 28	\$2 11
CR.				
Remittances to Treasurer	\$42,698 98	\$308 00	\$1,126 40	\$2 11
Abatements Allowed	92 00			
Uncollected Taxes, Dec. 31, 1956	5,228 20	104 00	28 88	
	\$48,019 18	\$412 00	\$1,155 28	\$2 11
Cash on hand, Dec. 31, 1956	34 58	6 00		
Total Credits	\$48,053 76	\$418 00	\$1,155 28	\$2 11

Respectfully submitted,

RODNEY G. MILLS
Tax Collector

SUMMARY OF WARRANTS—LEVIES OF PRIOR YEARS

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1956

LEVIES OF:

DR.	1955	1954	1953	1952	1951	1950
Uncollected Taxes, Dec. 31, 1955:						
Property Taxes	\$4,437 12	\$166 14	\$48 95	\$4 14	\$10 00	\$23 40
Poll Taxes	86 00	18 00	10 00	8 00		
Yield Taxes	7 96	31 00	175 00	66 00		
Added Poll Taxes During Year	2 00					
Int. Col. During Year	145 41	3 72			16	
Total Debits	\$4,678 49	\$218 86	\$233 95	\$78 14	\$10 16	\$23 40

CR.

Remittances to Treasurer:						
A/c Property Taxes	\$4,321 49		\$32 04		\$8 00	
A/c Poll Taxes	80 00	\$8 00	6 00	\$2 00		
A/c Yield Taxes	7 96	31 00				
A/c Interest	145 41	3 72			16	

Abatements Allowed:

Property Taxes	28 28	80 94	13 35	
Poll Taxes	2 00	8 00	2 00	2 00

Uncollected Taxes,
Dec. 31, 1956:

Property Taxes	1 62	85 20	3 56	4 14	2 00	23 40
Poll Taxes	4 00	2 00	2 00	4 00		
Yield Taxes			175 00	66 00		

Total Credits	\$4,590 76	\$218 86	\$233 95	\$78 14	\$10 16	\$23 40
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Cash on Hand,
Dec. 31, 1956:

A/c Property Taxes	\$85 73
A/c Poll Taxes	2 00

Totals	\$4,678 49	\$218 86	\$233 95	\$78 14	\$10 16	\$23 40
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Respectfully submitted,

RODNEY G. MILLS, Tax Collector

SUMMARY OF STATE HEAD TAX WARRANTS

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1956

LEVIES OF:

DR.	1956	1955	1954	1953	1952	1951
Uncollected Head Taxes, Dec. 31, 1955		\$270 00	\$50 00	\$25 00	\$45 00	\$20 00
Head Taxes Com- mitted to Collector	\$1,265 00					
Added Head Taxes		10 00				
Penalties	4 50	22 00	3 00	1 50	2 00	
Total Debits	\$1,269 50	\$302 00	\$53 00	\$26 50	\$47 00	\$20 00

CR.

Remittances to Treasurer:

A/c Head Taxes	\$975 00	\$225 00	\$25 00	\$15 00	\$20 00	
A/c Penalties	4 50	22 00	3 00	1 50	2 00	
Abated		35 00			5 00	\$15 00
Uncollected Head Taxes, Dec. 31, 1956	290 00	20 00	25 00	10 00	20 00	5 00
Total Credits	\$1,269 50	\$302 00	\$53 00	\$26 50	\$47 00	\$20 00

STATEMENT OF TAX SALES

Levy of 1955

F. F. Foote & Sons, Tax cost Int.	\$407 23
Daniel Webster Tax Cost Int.	27 55
Catherine F. Hickey, Tax Cost Int.	166 79
Sara Foote Estate, Tax Cost Int.	12 79
Garold R. Rhodes, Tax Cost Int.	44 42
Alen H. Forbes, Tax Cost Int.	148 07
Frank Putnam Estate, Tax Cost Int.	3 30
Charles F. Chipman, Tax Cost Int.	3 30
Annis A. Vautier, Tax Cost Int.	6 47
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Total	\$719 92

FINANCIAL REPORT OF TREASURER
For the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1956

Balance in Treasury Jan. 1, 1956 \$10,153 17

Rodney G. Mills, Tax Collector:

1951 Head tax & penalty	\$5 50	
1951 Property tax	8 00	
1951 Interest	16	
1952 Poll tax	2 00	
1952 Head tax & penalties	16 50	
1953 Poll tax	6 00	
1953 Head tax & penalties	22 00	
1953 Property tax	32 04	
1953 Tax sales redeemed	25 00	
1954 Poll tax	8 00	
1954 Head tax & penalties	28 00	
1954 Interest	3 72	
1954 Yield taxes	31 00	
1954 Tax sales redeemed	191 52	
1954 Interest and cost after sale	4 99	
		\$384 43

1955 Poll tax	\$80 00	
1955 Head tax & penalties	247 00	
1955 Property tax	4,321 49	
1955 Interest	145 41	
1955 Yield taxes	7 96	
1955 Tax sales redeemed	4 28	
		\$4,806 14

1956 Poll tax	\$308 00	
1956 Head tax & penalties	974 00	
1956 Property tax	42,698 98	
1956 Interest	2 11	
1956 Yield taxes	1,126 40	
		\$45,109 49

Herman C. Miller, Clerk:

Auto Permits	\$2,535 12	
Dog taxes	251 80	
Filing fees	10 00	
		\$2,796 92

Loans:

Souhegan National Bank (short term)	\$12,000 00	
Souhegan National Bank (long term)	1,000 00	
		\$13,000 00

Rentals:

Town Hall	\$40 00	
Horsesheds	20 00	
		\$60 00

Trust Funds:	
Annie Bryant, Carl Abbott & Charles Bryant Lot	\$300 00
Timber Tax (Security):	
J. C. Wescom	\$30 00

State Treasurer:	
Interest & dividend tax	\$6,752 49
Reimbursement a/c Timber tax	855 61
Class V Highways	1,612 69
Head tax refund	5 00
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	\$9,225 79

Unclassified:	
Arnold Bailey, Cemetery Lot	\$25 00
Herman C. Miller, Cemetery Lot	25 00
Donald Pettee, Cemetery Lot	25 00
Pistol Permits	4 00
Building Permits	6 00
William MacAdam, Calcium	20 64
George E. Kunhardt, Calcium	12 00
E. Linwood Davis, Calcium	6 00

Sale of desks in Town Hall:	
George E. Kunhardt	18 00
Barbara J. Prest	3 00
Ellen Hill	4 00
Jack Arnold	1 00
Selectmen, Refund on Legal Fees	10 00
William MacAdam, for Johnson land	51 50
Grace R. Smith, sale of land	204 60
Franeestown Imp. So., for Fire Truck Radios	150 00
Franeestown Fire Dept., for Fire Truck Radios	274 84
Harry Wessell, Sale of Culvert	44 73
R. G. Mills, refund overpayment	
Leo Barlow Yield Tax	4 54
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	\$889 85

Total Receipts	\$86,755 79
Total Payments	73,778 23

Balance in Treasury, Dec. 31, 1956	\$12,977 56
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Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN C. MILLER
Treasurer

EXHIBIT B-1
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN
Classified Summary of Receipts and Expenditures
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1956

Receipts:

From Local Taxes:

Current Year:

Property Taxes	\$42,698 98	
Poll Taxes	308 00	
Yield Taxes	1,126 40	
Head Taxes	975 00	
	<hr/>	\$45,108 38

Prior Years:

Property Taxes	\$4,361 53	
Poll Taxes	96 00	
Yield Taxes	38 96	
Head Taxes	285 00	
	<hr/>	\$4,781 49
Interest on Taxes		156 39
Head Tax Penalties		33 00
Tax Sales Redeemed		220 80
		<hr/>

\$50,300 06

From State of New Hampshire:

Interest & Dividends Tax	\$6,752 49	
Reimbursement a/c Growing Wood & Timber, 1955	855 61	
Class V Highways	1,612 69	
Head Tax Refund	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$9,225 79

From Local Sources, Except Taxes:

Dog Licenses	\$251 80	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	2,535 12	
Business Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees	20 00	
Rent of Town Property	60 00	
Sale of Salt	38 64	
	<hr/>	\$2,905 56

Receipts Other Than Current Revenue:

Temporary Loans	\$12,000 00
Long Term Notes	1,000 00
Yield Tax Deposit	30 00
Gift for Fire Truck Radios	424 84
New Trust Funds Received	300 00

Sale of Town Property	401 83	
Refunds	14 54	
	<hr/>	\$14,171 21
Total Receipts		\$76,602 62
Balance, Dec. 31, 1955		10,153 17
		<hr/>
Grand Total		\$86,755 79
Expenditures:		
General Government:		
Town Officers' Salaries	\$1,689 77	
Town Officers' Expenses	1,206 30	
Election & Registration	184 63	
Town Hall Maintenance	332 51	
Town Hall, Special	920 05	
	<hr/>	\$4,333 26
Protection of Persons & Property:		
Police Department	\$214 51	
Fire Department	1,177 00	
Insurance	1,317 46	
Civil Defense	674 84	
	<hr/>	\$3,383 81
Health:		
Town Dump	\$150 00	
Vital Statistics	9 75	
	<hr/>	\$159 75
Highways and Bridges:		
Town Maintenance—Summer	\$7,223 61	
—Winter	5,165 28	
Town Road Aid	833 73	
Street Lighting	660 96	
General Expenses of Highway Dept.	605 88	
Class V Highways	1,403 62	
	<hr/>	\$15,893 08
Library:		
Bixby Memorial Library		\$1,814 85
Public Welfare:		
Old Age Assistance	\$1,230 05	
Town Poor	220 50	
	<hr/>	\$1,450 55
Patriotic Purposes:		
Memorial Day		\$17 10
Public Service Enterprises:		
Cemeteries		\$200 00

Unclassified:		
Advertising & Regional Association	\$100 00	
Taxes Bought by Town	819 92	
Yield Tax Deposit	30 00	
		<hr/> \$949 92
Interest:		
On Temporary Loans	\$176 67	
On Long Term Notes	125 76	
		<hr/> \$302 43
Indebtedness:		
Temporary Loans	\$12,000 00	
Long Term Notes	1,830 00	
Payments to Capital Reserve Funds	1,700 00	
Payments to Trustees of Trust Funds (New Funds)	300 00	
		<hr/> \$15,830 00
Payments to Other Gov. Divs.:		
State Head Taxes:		
1955 Levy	\$336 00	
1956 Levy	860 00	
		<hr/> \$1,196 00
County Taxes	4,770 96	
School Districts:		
1954-55 Appropriation	\$11,566 18	
1955-56 Appropriation	11,910 34	
		<hr/> \$23,476 52
		<hr/> \$29,443 48
Total Payments for All Purposes		
Balance, Dec. 31, 1956		<hr/> \$73,778 23
		12,977 56
Grand Total		<hr/> \$86,755 79

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

1. Town Officers' Salaries:

Charles W. Abbott, selectman	\$270 00
Frederick H. Thompson, selectman	270 00
George E. Kunhardt, Jr., selectman	270 00
George E. Kunhardt, Jr., auditor	30 00
Herman C. Miller, town clerk & treasurer	150 00
Herman C. Miller, auto permits	164 50
Rodney G. Mills, collector	449 27
Paul T. Bradbury, overseer of poor	36 00
Leon E. Hoyt, auditor	50 00

\$1,689 77

2. Town Officers' Expenses:

Association of N. H. Assessors, 1956 dues	\$3 00
Ida M. Horner, Collectors' As., 1956 dues	3 00
Charles R. Hardy, Town Clerk's As., 1956 dues	2 00
Herman C. Miller, supplies	22 35
F. H. Colburn Co., postage	19 36
Stuart Clark, town officers' bonds	94 50
Gunnar Isaacson, printing	4 50
Transcript Printing Co., printing town reports	375 85
Transcript Printing Co., office supplies	13 00
Donat Corriveau, recording deeds	20 24
Edward E. Jones, supplies	5 20
Wheeler & Clark, dog-tags & stamp	16 14
Charles W. Abbott, phone, postage & assessors' meeting	7 65
George E. Kunhardt, Jr., typewriter	25 00
George E. Kunhardt, Jr., road meeting and trucking	15 80
Daniels Garage, fuel oil	69 64
Chase Office Furniture Co., office furniture	135 65
Brown & Saltmarsh, supplies	67 62
Kenneth Brighton, legal fees	15 55
Enoch Fuller, Secretary of State, Notary Public fee	10 00
N. H. Tax Com., law book	1 25
Branham Publishing Co., motor vehicle book	4 00
Robert L. LaPage, town office sign	5 00
F. H. Colburn Co., rent	270 00

\$1,206 30

3. Election and Registration:	
W. C. MacAdam, moderator	\$18 00
Shirley Jones, ballot clerk	15 00
Norman R. Brown, ballot clerk	5 00
Charles Bowman, ballot clerk	5 00
C. Gladys St. John, ballot clerk	20 00
Orloff W. Miller, ballot clerk	5 00
Gladys Vadney, ballot clerk	15 00
William A. Lord, supervisor	30 00
R. Franklin Mace, supervisor	24 00
Rodney G. Mills, supervisor	24 00
Norman Stewart, police duty	11 88
Gunnar Isaacson, printing	11 75
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	\$184 63
4. Town Hall and Other Town Buildings:	
Public Service Co., electricity for hall	\$59 05
Clifford Lougee, repairs to lock	1 50
William Cuddihee, checking wiring	9 00
Edgar Morin, mowing common, etc.	141 90
State of N. H., inspection of scales	5 00
George E. Kunhardt, Jr., trucking	4 40
Walter Foote, cleaning	8 50
Gladys Vadney, cleaning	42 00
F. H. Colburn Co., supplies	2 16
O. P. Harwood, plumbing	6 00
Rodney G. Mills, town clock	13 00
C. L. Haskell, fire-proof curtains	40 00
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	\$332 51
5. Town Hall Special Account:	
Otis Higgins, cleaning	\$69 30
Fred Bartholemew, painting	806 25
R. F. Mulhall, patching plaster	44 50
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	\$920 05
6. Police:	
Walter Creighton, police duty	\$59 12
Royal S. Cleaves, police duty	25 71
Norman Stewart, police duty	35 58
Victor White, police duty	23 12
Gorham Fire Equipment Co., police badge	3 98
Floyd's of Manchester, uniform	67 00
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	\$214 51
7. Fire Department, Including Forest Fires:	
Paul T. Bradbury, Treasurer	\$1,177 00
8. Insurance:	
Employers' Group Ins. Corp., liability	\$136 17
Stuart F. Clark, overall insurance coverage	1,181 29
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	\$1,317 46

9. Civil Defense:		
State of N. H., 2-way radio net		\$674 84
10. Vital Statistics:		
Herman C. Miller, recording		\$9 75
11. Town Dump:		
Otis Higgins, brushing	\$11 00	
Varnum Brothers, bull-dozing	22 50	
T. E. Bixby, bull-dozing	18 00	
Mary Cilley, caretaker	70 75	
H. Dunlap, labor	16 50	
George Cilley, labor	11 25	
	<hr/>	\$150 00
12. Highways and Bridges:		
Town Road Aid, State of N. H.	\$833 73	
Summer Maintenance, Clayton Foote, payrolls	7,223 61	
Winter Snow removal, Clayton Foote, payrolls	5,165 28	
Class V Highway Aid, Clayton Foote, payrolls	1,403 62	
	<hr/>	\$14,626 24
13. Street Lighting:		
Public Service Co. of N. H.		\$660 96
14. General Expenses of Highway Department:		
Rice's Inc., tires for grader	\$142 75	
Donel Supply Co., highway signs	45 55	
Sidney Livingstone, bridge planking	213 10	
R. C. Hazelton Co., Inc., culverts	204 48	
	<hr/>	\$605 88
15. Libraries:		
George Holmes Bixby Memorial Library Trustees		\$1,814 85
16. Old Age Assistance:		
Treasurer, State of N. H.		\$1,230 05
17. Town Poor:		
Russell Fuel Oil, (Higgins)	\$18 00	
F. H. Colburn Co. (Higgins)	40 00	
F. H. Colburn Co.	27 50	
I. H. Vadney, (Higgins)	10 00	
French & Rising, Funeral, S. Johnson	125 00	
	<hr/>	\$220 50
18. Memorial Day:		
Catherine Hickey, Flags & Markers		\$17 10

19. Cemeteries:		
Otis Higgins, mowing, cleaning	\$35 20	
Edgar Morin, mowing, cleaning	30 80	
Charles Bowman, mowing, cleaning	30 80	
Rodney Mills, mowing, cleaning	89 04	
George E. Kunhardt, trucking	2 70	
Public Service Co., electricity	11 46	
	<hr/>	\$200 00
20. Regional Associations:		
Monadnock Regional Association		\$100 00
21. Taxes Bought By Town:		
Rodney G. Mills, Collector		\$819 92
22. Refunds a/c Yield Tax Security:		
Rodney G. Mills, Collector	\$17 96	
J. C. Wescom	12 04	
	<hr/>	\$30 00
23. Interest:		
Souhegan National Bank:		
Short term notes	\$176 67	
Long term notes	125 76	
	<hr/>	\$302 43
24. Indebtedness:		
Souhegan National Bank:		
Temporary Loan	\$12,000 00	
Term Notes	1,830 00	
Trustees of Trust Funds, Building & truck fund	1,700 00	
Trustees of Trust Funds, New Funds	300 00	
	<hr/>	\$15,830 00
25. Other Governmental Divisions:		
State of N. H., Head taxes	\$1,196 00	
County Treasurer, County Tax	4,770 96	
School District	23,476 52	
	<hr/>	\$29,443 48

STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT

Souhegan National Bank, Milford, N. H.:		
1—\$1,330.00 Note on grader due, 1957		\$1,330 00
3—\$500.00 Notes on Old Meeting House due 1957, 1958 and 1959		1,500 00
2—\$500.00 Notes for painting upstairs to Town Hall due 1957 and 1958		1,000 00
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Total		\$3,830 00

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

Summer Highway:

Labor:

Clayton Foote	\$654 75
Herbert Dunlap	312 40
Warren Murdough	8 80
Clayton Foote, Jr.	35 20
Walter Foote	7 70
Charles Champagne	401 50

Trucks & Shovel:

Stanley Rainey	161 70
Royal Cleaves	75 90
Floyd Cornwell	332 30
George Daniels	138 60
Leon Daniels	92 40
Varnum Brothers	408 00
Earl Bullard	409 65
Thomas Bixby	15 00
Harold Miller	63 00
Edward Holt	36 30
Hob & Nob Farm	18 00
Edward Elliott	508 00
Clyde Eaton	277 30
Clayton Foote	95 00
Hume Pipe Co., culverts	215 20
Loretta Cole, gravel	85 00
Carl Abbott, gravel	130 00
Nutting & Abbott, gravel	10 00
I. H. Vadney, gas	24 22
Merrimack Farmers' Exchange	5 48
Cassellini Venable Corp., repairs	82 87
Daniel's Garage, fuel	106 97
Ray Road Equipment, supplies	26 22
Trimont Bituminous Prod. Co., tar	2,370 29
Northeastern Petroleum Co., Inc., oil	123 97
Newhall's Garage	21 00

Total	\$7,252 72
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Gas Money: Labor:

Clayton Foote	\$445 50
Herbert Dunlap	214 50
Charles Champagne	167 20
Earl Bullard	52 30

Trucks:

Clayton Foote	52 00
Earl Bullard	21 60

Floyd Cornwell	18 20
B. H. Dodge, supplies	2 40
I. H. Vadney, spikes	9 00
Town of Lyndeboro, use of grader	72 00
Robert Smith	52 80
Joe Thompson	30 00
Treasurer, State of N. H.	279 02

Total	\$1,411 52
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Winter Highways:

Labor:

Clayton Foote	\$1,212 30
Herbert Dunlap	442 20
Walter Foote	176 00
Clayton Foote, Jr.	199 70
Arthur Morrell	12 10
William Champagne	11 00
Warren Murdough	236 80
Thomas Curren	2 20
Bradford Cleaves	27 50
Wayne Robinson	22 00
Lemuel Bolles	13 20
Harry Varnum	112 20
Norman Stewart	9 90
Charles Champagne	193 60
James Champagne	19 80

Trucks and Shovel:

Clayton Foote	43 00
Floyd Cornwell	621 00
Royal Cleaves	548 35
Earl Bullard	261 30
Northeastern Petroleum Co., Inc., oil and grease	174 96
Joe Thompson's garage, welding	35 00
F. H. Colburn & Co., gas & supplies	28 82
I. H. Vadney, supplies	4 51
Rice's Inc., tire for grader	169 50
Merrimack Farmers' Exchange, salt	115 20
Nutting & Abbott, sand	10 00
C. H. Cragin & Son, repairs	10 17
Ray Road Equipment, cutting edges	149 40
R. C. Hazelton Co., Inc., supplies	2 24
Daniel's Garage, Fuel	116 33
Newhall's Garage, working on snow plow	47 83
Royal Cleaves	140 00

Total	\$5,165 91
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Road Agent's Report for Money Spent on Roads

Gravel, 2250 yds.	\$2,667 80
Tar	2,708 94
Culverts	492 10
Fuel and oil	230 94
Supplies	126 60
Solvay	279 02
Cutting brush	200 00
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Total	\$6,705 40
Maintenance	1,937 84
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Total spent on Summer Highways	\$8,643 24

Respectfully submitted,

CLAYTON F. FOOTE

Road Agent

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

January 1, 1957

Board of Selectmen
Franeestown, N. H.

The Fire Wards hereby submit their financial and physical report for 1956 together with the estimated budget for 1957.

As in 1955 by the practice of rigid economy we were once again able to close the year with an unexpended balance. Additional hose was purchased over the amount carried by the special hose appropriation so that no special appropriation for that purpose will be needed this year.

The "Red Phone" system was installed during the Spring and has proved to be very satisfactory, also the Two Way Radio was installed last summer. Each of the "Tankers" carries a mobile unit and there is a base unit in the Fire Station. While we have had very little need of its use, the few times it has been operated has proved that the choice was a wise one.

A street siren was mounted on the utility pole opposite Walter Creighton's residence and the "dead spot" has been eliminated, resulting in more men at fires.

In 1955 the fire loss in structures was \$75.00 and in 1956 there was no loss. After giving due credit to Luck-Efficiency of the men and apparatus, we feel that the care exercised by the inhabitants in not giving fire "A Place to Start" was a major contributing factor to this amazing record.

The Volunteer Fire Company has made generous use of their funds toward the needs of the Department and contributed to the purchase of the radios and other material.

The budget for 1957 shows some minor changes in one or two items but is quite similar to 1956-less the expended 1956 balance-and is approximately 35% below that of the 1956 budget.

NORMAN J. STEWART
VICTOR L. WHITE
WALTER CREIGHTON
R. FRANKLIN MACE
PAUL T. BRADBURY

Fire Wards

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR THE YEAR, 1956

Income:

Unexpended 1955 balance	\$113 00	
Town appropriation	1,177 00	
Services	11 20	
Phone Booth Rental	6 54	
	<hr/>	\$1,307 74

Expenditures:

Fuel	\$192 67	
Red Phones	171 63	
Hose	248 56	
Labor & material on buildings & siren	88 19	
Power	87 44	
Siren (Street)	54 00	
Supplies	76 55	
Gasoline & oil	21 90	
Publications	18 50	
Tires	23 56	
Parts	26 95	
Association Dues	11 75	
Bank Service Charge	9 97	
Repairs	6 10	
Miscellaneous Expense	8 39	
Equipment	1 90	
Express	3 06	
Printing	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,061 12

Unexpended Balance:

Hose	\$1 44	
Red Phones	78 37	
Town Appropriation	166 81	
	<hr/>	\$246 62

Total	<hr/> \$1,307 74
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NORMAN J. STEWART
 WALTER CREIGHTON
 VICTOR L. WHITE
 R. FRANKLIN MACE
 PAUL T. BRADBURY

Fire Wards

BUDGET OF FIRE DEPARTMENT, 1957

Red Phones	\$250 00	
Fuel	200 00	
Labor and material	90 00	
Power	90 00	
Supplies	75 00	
Gasoline and oil	20 00	
Tires	75 00	
Parts	25 00	
Association dues	12 00	
Equipment	250 00	
Miscellaneous expense	25 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,112 00
Less, 1956 Unexpended balance		246 62
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		\$865 38

NORMAN J. STEWART
R. FRANKLIN MACE
VICTOR L. WHITE
WALTER CREIGHTON
PAUL T. BRADBURY

Fire Wards

Inventory of Fire Department January 1, 1957

- 1—1954 International 2½ ton 600 gal Tank Truck
- 1—1940 GMC 2½ Ton 600 gal. Tank Truck.
- 1—1929 Diamond T. 500 gal. per min. Pumper.
- 1—1929 Ford Forestry Truck.

Hose:

800' 2½ inch.	2-4 Cyl. Wisconsin Pumps
1755' 1½ inch.	1 Shattuck Portable Pump
700' 1⅛ inch.	1 Pacific Portable Pump
150' Booster	1 E & J Resusitator
40' 2" Suction	13 Back Pumps
30' 2½" Suction	1 Scott Air Pack
20' 2 inch. Suction	2 Soda & Acid Extinguishers
30' 4 inch Suction	2 Dry Powder Extinguishers
200' 2½" } For Salvage &	3 Foam Extinguishers
120' 1½" } Repair	9 Helmets
50' 1⅛" }	2 First Aid Kits
Ladders 6	2 Hand Lights
	2 Pike Poles
	1 Canvas Bucket
	2 Knap Sacks

- Radio
- 1 Base Station

2 Mobile Units one on each
of the Tankers

Cross Cut Saw

2 Stump Nozzles

1 Chimney Nozzle

1—1 $\frac{1}{8}$ inch Nozzle

4—1 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch Nozzles

2—2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch Nozzles

1—2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch Fog Nozzle

7—Double Adapters

4—Oxygen Tanks

20 Lbs. Dry Chemical

Recharge Kits

4 Soda & Acid Recharge Kits

2—CO₂ Cartridges

5—Foam Type Recharge Kits

1 Spare Tank, Scott Air Pack

18 Spanners

2—1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Y

1—1 $\frac{1}{8}$ " Y's

1 Chimney Brush

1—Spare Battery

1 Battery Charger

1—Kero Torch

12 Shovels

7 Pairs Mittens

5 Axes

9 Lanterns

2 Ice Chisels

2 Hose Carriers

3 Corn Brooms

1 Snow Shovel

2 Sets Tire Chains

75' Garden Hose

2 Spare Dry Cell Batteries

5 Spare Hose for Extin.

4 Automatic Extinguishers

1 Siren

1 Street Siren

1 Blend Air Heating System

1 Water Bag

2—5 Gal. Gasoline Cans

9—Buckets

4 Brooms

1 pr. Rubber Boots

4 Hazel Hoes

1 Gasoline Torch

1 Pr. Asbestos Gloves

5 Lbs. Grease

NORMAN J. STEWART

VICTOR L. WHITE

R. FRANKLIN MACE

WALTER CREIGHTON

PAUL T. BRADBURY

Fire Wards

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY

On July seventh the Francestown Village Improvement Society invited the citizens of Francestown and representatives from neighboring Historical Societies to an open House in our newly decorated Historical Rooms in the Bixby Memorial Library and to tea in The Old Meeting House.

Mrs. Arnold Bailey and her committee were responsible for the decorating of the rooms and for the interesting arrangement of antiques pertaining to the early history of Francestown. The hostesses for the day were dressed in colonial costumes while children and other adults in costume rode in old carriages and on bicycles to add to the historic atmosphere. Many of the visitors and hostesses were members of the early families of Francestown.

The proceeds from the Labor Day celebration were used for the maintenance of Veterans' Field, to spray the elm and maple trees on town property, to provide a lighted Christmas tree for the common, to help finance the Community Christmas party, to provide extra funds for the library, to maintain the float on Scobie Pond and for the upkeep of the Historical Rooms.

The society won a prize from the New Hampshire Roadside Improvement Association for the grading and planting in front of the Town Hall.

Through the year we strove as always to stimulate interest in the care and beautification of our Village, conscious of our rich heritage of charming houses, stately Town Hall and beautiful Old Meeting House.

GRACE EVANS, President

GEORGE HOLMES BIXBY MEMORIAL LIBRARY

BUDGET—TOWN ACCOUNT

	1956	1957
	Expenditures	Budget
Salaries	\$576 00	\$600 00
Grounds Care & Janitor	44 50	78 00
Cleaning	68 65	78 00
Fuel	143 41	240 00
Magazines	57 50	72 00
Books	521 91	600 00
Supplies and Petty Cash	43 20	54 00
New Equipment and Repairs	340 68	300 00
Bank Charges	8 55	12 00
Totals	\$1,804 40	\$2,034 00

FINANCIAL REPORT, 1956

Receipts:

Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1956	\$5 15	
Sale of unused insulation	10 00	
Town Appropriation	1,814 85	
Total		\$1,830 00

Expenditures:

Town Account Expenditures	\$1,804 40	
Balance on hand, Dec. 31, 1956	25 60	
Total		\$1,830 00

TRUST FUNDS AND OTHER INCOME ACCOUNT

Receipts:

Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1956	\$83 60	
Doll Money, 1955	46 60	
Doll Money, 1956	75 00	
Arthur Clark & Mary Manning Fund	33 32	
Alison Bixby Hill Fund	37 50	
Fine Money	27 48	
Village Improvement Society Fund	49 07	
Total		\$352 57

Expenditures:	
Books and Magazines	\$243 67
Bank Charges	4 75
Balance on hand, Dec. 31, 1956	104 15
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Total	\$352 57

Respectfully submitted,

ARNOLD B. BAILEY
HENRY B. HILL
ELIZABETH S. THOMPSON
Trustees

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN
Dec. 31, 1955 to Dec. 31, 1956

Receipts:	
Fines	\$32 14
Petty cash	32 80
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Total	\$64 94
Payments:	
Fines to trustees	\$32 14
Postage on borrowed books	11 40
Desk supplies	17 51
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Total	\$61 05
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Balance on hand	\$3 89
Circulation of books and magazines:	
Fiction	1,942
Non-fiction	1,839
Juvenile	3,736
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Total books	7,517
Magazines	1,372
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Total circulation	8,889

Magazines subscribed to by the Library:

American Home, Better Homes and Gardens, Good House-keeping, Ladies' Home Journal, Boys' Life, American Girl, Readers' Digest, Popular Science, Popular Mechanics, Saturday Evening Post, Life, Time, National Geographic, Yankee,

Antiques, Horn Book, Audubon Magazine, McCall's, Natural History, Children's Activities, Wee Wisdom, N. H. Profiles.

Gift subscription: Our Dumb Animals, from Mrs. Packer.

Other books and magazines have been given by the following persons: Mrs. Catherine Park, Mrs. Harold Case, Mrs. Lucy Holt Andolina, Richard and Genevieve Millar, the Rand Estate, Miss Ruth Shattuck, Miss Bernice Woodcock, Mrs. Edward Steffian, Mrs. Bradshaw Langmaid, Prof. E. B. Hill, Alfred Gray, Mrs. Royal Cleaves and Brad, Nancy Bowman, Mrs. David Howell, Stephanie Creighton, Norman Stewart, W. A. Lord, Oscar Starrett, Mrs. Susan Wason, and Debby Stewart.

From the State Library we borrowed 228 books, and from the Bookmobile 353. Several boxes of books are being exchanged with the Greenfield Library.

We had our usual gift of \$20 for reference books from an anonymous summer resident. Another book for this collection was bought with a gift from Mrs. Robert Williams combined with a similar gift from a New Jersey visitor, Mrs. Herbert Philpott (a descendant of one of the earliest Downes families.) Mrs. Case and Mrs. Howell each gave \$15 for books, and a Christmas gift of \$5 came from Mr. and Mrs. Francis Park of Cambridge. Donn Purvis (a former researcher in the Library of Congress) and his wife, now of Penacook, also helped Santa Claus by subscribing to United Nations Review for us. The Improvement Society augmented the Doll Fund (which consists of the money from the sale of the doll, provided by Prof. Hill and family on Carnival Day) to \$75; and as usual the society has paid the Public Service bill throughout the year.

We are indebted also to the Improvement Society for completing the restoration of the Historical Rooms which are in charge of Mrs. Arnold Bailey. The rooms are not only beautiful but have inspired many local persons to add to the historical exhibits. Norman Muzzey has delighted all visitors by his successful lighting of the doll house, with no charge for the service.

The Rand families, in addition to many fine books, gave us also a much-needed bookcase. A framed copy of a famous painting by Renoir was given by Miss Alice Hall for the Children's Room. Mrs. James Matthews gave some of the books that were once owned by Mary Willard, the town's first librarian. The inside and outside keys of the old library building, now Masonic Hall, were given by Leon Hoyt. The Millar family gave many books and articles for the Historical Rooms, these things being of special interest to descendants of Pacific Clark. Mrs. Philip Place brought memorials of her late husband, relating especially to World War I. Our historical collections, if not complete are at least a continuous record of the town's history, from the simplest handmade contraptions through our latest war.

Craft meetings have been held in the Mary Willard Room; and on July 7 the entire building held Open House as a part of the observance of Historical Day, in charge of the Historical Society (a branch of the Improvement Society), with Mrs. Granville Evans and Mrs. Bailey and a large corps of assistants planning the events. More than 150 visitors signed the register that day. Between April and December, more than 160 other guests were registered.

In February the Librarian attended the Conference on World Affairs at Durham, taking part in a panel discussion concerning the part that libraries can play in world affairs. Our own library has continuously tried to encourage an interest in all parts of the world, not only through exhibits and books, but by inviting here natives of other countries, consequently our work here is known literally, in spots at least, throughout the world, but we need even more to understand the conditions and personalities of other kinds of people. We are living in the most important and the most exciting period of the world's history, and we are in a better position than we have ever been before to make the future what we want it to be.

At the Neighborhood Library meetings in New Ipswich in May many problems were discussed and we all benefited by the new books reviewed. Some of us are also trying to find time to exchange some of our less-than-new books. Visits have been exchanged with librarians in Antrim, Mason, Greenfield, Goffstown, and Henniker whereby we built up one another's courage and received inspiration. We feel that our communities are waking up to their intellectual and cultural needs.

As a delegate to the Governor's Conference on Aging at Concord in November this Librarian again found much enthusiasm for what our own community can do. For years we have delivered books to shut-ins, some of whom are doing very important reading, in spite of "years." But what kind of old age people have depends largely on what kind of childhood they have so that our basic services through church, school, and library should be vastly expanded.

The Everbrook Audubon Club, presided over by Gene Clark, provided an unusual and very interesting exhibit of wood products, and Mrs. Alfred Bridgens of Arlington displayed some of the beautiful pieces of ceramics which she had made. The Black family shared with us many of their European treasures of dolls, puppets, carvings, etc. William Childs, teacher of art in the Milford and Amherst schools, has lent us some fascinating paintings, murals and three-dimensional pieces, including dinosaurs and a giraffe, made by the children in his classes.

A request for information last winter revealed the fact that we had in town a very rare visitor, discovered by Evelyn Vadney and later raised by Debby Stewart until his untimely end—a

Brown Thrasher. This is the first known record for this bird in this state during winter months.

School Superintendent Newell J. Paire joined the children at the library one afternoon to take pictures of a library "in action"; only a moving picture camera would be successful. This event was especially in the interest of the course in children's literature which Miss Hazel Clement was taking and for which the library contributed a good deal of special material.

This year Margaret Varnum is the very efficient paid assistant from the eighth grade.

Respectfully submitted,

CAROLINE M. LORD
Librarian

REPORT OF TOWN HISTORY COMMITTEE

Francestown, N. H.

January 1, 1957

Board of Selectmen
Francestown, N. H.

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my annual report for the year 1956 of The Town History Committee:

Balance on hand, checking acct. 1/1/56	\$22 99
Income during year	none
Expenditures during year:	
Bank Service charge	\$1 00
Balance on hand 1/1/57	21 99
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	\$22 99
Savings Acct., Manchester Savings Bank:	
Book No. 58758:	
Balance on hand 1/1/56	\$215 46
Interest rec'd during year	6 77
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	\$222 23

PAUL T. BRADBURY, Treas.
Town History Committee

**DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING
STATE TAX COMMISSION**

Concord, New Hampshire

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

January 10, 1957

Board of Selectmen

Francestown, New Hampshire

Gentlemen:

Submitted herewith is the report of an examination and audit of the accounts of the Town of Francestown for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1956, which was made by this Division in accordance with the vote of the Town. Exhibits as hereafter listed are included as part of the report.

SCOPE OF AUDIT

Included in the examination and audit were the accounts and records of the Board of Selectmen, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Library Treasurer, Fire Department and Trustees of Trust Funds.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Comparative Balance Sheets—Dec. 31, 1955-Dec. 31, 1956:
(Exhibit A-1)

Comparative Balance Sheets as of Dec. 31, 1955 and Dec. 31, 1956, are presented in Exhibit A-1. As indicated therein, the Surplus decreased by \$1,527.07 during 1956.

Analysis of Change in Financial Condition: (Exhibit A-2)*

An analysis of the change in financial condition of the Town during the year is made in Exhibit A-2, with the factors which caused the change indicated therein. These were as follows:

Decreases in Surplus:

Long Term Notes Issued	\$1,000 00	
Net Budget Deficit	2,311 74	
Tax Liens Transferred to Tax Deeds	45 33	
	<hr/>	\$3,357 07

Increase in Surplus:

Long Term Notes Paid	\$1,830 00	
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Net Decrease		\$1,527 07

*See Page 15

Comparative Statements of Appropriations and Expenditures-Estimated and Actual Revenues:

(Exhibits A-3* & A-4)

Comparative statements of appropriations and expenditures, estimated and actual revenues for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1956, are presented in Exhibits A-3 and A-4. As indicated by the budget summary (Exhibit A-4), a net overdraft of appropriations of \$2,666.35, less a revenue surplus of \$354.61, resulted in a net budget deficit of \$2,311.74. (*See Pages 12, 13)

Summary of Receipts and Expenditures: (Exhibit B-1)*

A summary of receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1956, made up in accordance with the uniform classification of accounts, is included in Exhibit B-1. Proof of the Treasurer's balance as of December 31, 1956, is indicated in Exhibit B-2. (*See Page 25)

AUDIT PROCEDURE

The accounts and records of all town officials charged with the custody, receipt and disbursement of public funds were examined and audited. Vouchers and cancelled checks were compared with supporting invoices and payrolls as well as entries in the books of record. Receipts were checked by source in so far as possible and totals of receipts and expenditures verified. Book balances were verified by comparison with reconciled bank balances made from statements obtained from depository banks. Verification of uncollected taxes was made by mailing notices to delinquent taxpayers as indicated by the Collector's records.

Conclusion:

The provisions of Chapter 184 of the Laws of 1955, require that the summary of findings and recommendations (letter of transmittal) of this report shall be published in the next annual report of the Town.

We extend our thanks to the officials of the Town of Frances-town for their assistance during the course of the audit.

Yours very truly,

HAROLD G. FOWLER

Director

Division of Municipal Accounting
State Tax Commission

NORVAL D. LESSELS, Auditor

HUGH J. CASSIDY, Accountant

CERTIFICATE OF AUDIT

This is to certify that we have examined and audited the accounts and records of the Town of Francetown for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1956. In our opinion, the Exhibits included herewith reflect the true financial condition of the Town on December 31, 1956, together with the results of operations for the fiscal year ended on that date.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD G. FOWLER, Director

Division of Municipal Accounting
State Tax Commission

NORVAL D. LESSELS, Auditor

HUGH J. CASSIDY, Accountant

SCHOOL REPORT

SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS

	Term Expires
Moderator: Mr. Harold Varnum	March 1957
Clerk: Dr. Louis Wiederhold	March 1957
Treasurer: Dr. Louis Wiederhold	June 1957
Auditor: Mrs. Eleanor Cutter	March 1957

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Arnold Bailey	March 1957
Mrs. Shirley Jones	March 1958
Mrs. C. Gladys St. John, Chairman	March 1959

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Mr. Newell J. Paire

TEACHING STAFF

Mr. Neil Howard, Principal, Grades 5, 6, 7, 8
Miss Hazel Clement, Grades 1, 2, 3, 4
Mrs. Martha Colburn, Assistant Grades 1, 2, 3, 4
Miss Ethelyn G. Edwards, Music Supervisor

SCHOOL NURSE

Miss Sybil M. Beatham, R. N.

TRUANT OFFICER AND CUSTODIAN

Mrs. C. Gladys St. John

SCHOOL CALENDAR

1956-57:

School opens Jan. 7, 1957, Closes Feb. 15
School opens Feb. 25, Closes April 19
School opens April 29, Closes June 14

1957-58:

School opens Sept. 4, 1957, Closes Nov. 27
School opens Dec. 2, Closes Dec. 20
School opens Jan. 6, 1958, Closes Feb. 21
School opens March 3, Closes April 25
School opens May 5, Closes June 13
Holiday: May 30—Memorial Day
Teachers' Convention, Oct. 17 and 18 (subject to change)
Total Number of School Days 180
Total Number of School Weeks 37

SCHOOL WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

**To the Inhabitants of the School district in the town of
Francestown qualified to vote in district affairs:**

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the 8th day of March 1957, at eight o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agent of the district.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state foundation aid fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.
9. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,750 for the purpose of establishing and equipping an additional room in the basement of the public school or take any action relating thereto.

10. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,750 for the purpose of establishing and equipping an additional room in the basement of the public school and to authorize the School Board to issue serial notes in the name of and on the credit of the district, for said sum in accordance with the provisions of Chap. 33, of the N. H. Revised Statutes Annotated, 1955 and any revisions and amendments relating thereto, subject to any state or federal grants available now or in the future and applicable to this Article; the School Board to issue or negotiate such notes, and to determine the rate of interest therein and the time and place of payment thereof, as shall be in the best interests of the Francestown School District, provided however that such notes or bonds shall be issued for a period not exceeding five years, or take any action relating thereto.

11. To see if the district will raise and appropriate the sum of \$115 for the purpose of paying off the first year's interest or take any action relating thereto.

12. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate an additional \$2,100 for the purpose of paying the salary and the district's share of the teacher retirement of a full time teacher or take any action relating thereto.

13. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$265 for the purpose of paying for the additional operating and maintenance costs of the additional room or take any action relating thereto.

14. To see if the District will vote to use a check list at all future annual and special school district meetings, according to the provisions of Chapter 197, Section 12 of the New Hampshire Revised Laws annotated and any revisions or amendments pertaining thereto, or take any action relating thereto.

Given under our hands at said Francestown this first day of February, 1957.

ARNOLD B. BAILEY
SHIRLEY L. JONES
C. GLADYS ST. JOHN

School Board

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

ARNOLD B. BAILEY
SHIRLEY L. JONES
C. GLADYS ST. JOHN

School Board

FINANCIAL REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1956

ADMINISTRATION:

1. Salaries of District Officers	\$140 00
2. Supt.'s Salary (local share)	503 72
3. Tax for State Wide Supervision	180 00
4. Salaries of Other Adm. Personnel	215 84
5. Supplies and Expenses	216 30

INSTRUCTION:

6. Teachers' Salaries	6,897 62
7. Books and Other Instr. Aids	184 52
8. Scholars' Supplies	401 10
10. Supplies and Other Expenses	27 81

OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT:

11. Salary of Custodian	513 48
12. Fuel	442 24
13. Water, Light, Supplies and Expenses	307 62

MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL PLANT:

14. Repairs and Replacements	318 17
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AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES:

15. Health Supervision	312 67
16. Transportation	2,568 00
17. Tuition	8,687 96
18. Other Special Activities	80
18a. School Lunch	419 51

FIXED CHARGES:

19. Retirement	479 87
20. Insurance, Treas. Bond & Expenses	222 09

Total Net Current Expenses		\$23,039 32
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CAPITAL OUTLAY:

23. New Equipment	\$164 23
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DEBT AND INTEREST:

25. Payment on Principal	\$500 00	
26. Payment of Interest	61 25	561 25

Total Net Payments for all Purposes	\$23,764 80
Cash on hand at end of year June 30, 1956	579 32

Grand Total Net Payments	\$24,344 12
"In and Out" Items Expended	331 80

Grand Total Gross Payments	\$24,675 92
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RECEIPTS

Federal Aid:		
National School Lunch	\$419 51	
Local Taxation:		
Current Appropriation	22,476 52	
Other Sources:		
Elementary School Tuitions	700 00	
Other	42	
Total Net Receipts		\$23,596 45
Cash on hand at beginning of year		
July 1, 1955		747 67
Grand Total Net Receipts		\$24,344 12
Total "In and Out" Items, received		331 80
Grand Total Gross Receipts		\$24,675 92

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS:		
Cash on hand June 30, 1956		\$579 32
Net Debt Over Liabilities		1,195 68
Grand Total		\$1,775 00
LIABILITIES:		
Accounts Owed by District:		
Brewster Academy-Tuition		\$275 00
Notes & Bonds outstanding		1,500 00
Grand Total		\$1,775 00

STATUS OF SCHOOL NOTES AND BONDS:		
Notes and Bonds Outstanding at Beginning of Year	\$2,000 00	
Payments of Principal of Debt	500 00	
		\$1,500 00

Respectfully submitted,

ARNOLD BAILEY
SHIRLEY JONES
C. GLAYDS ST. JOHN

School Board

DETAILED STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS

ADMINISTRATION:

1. Salaries of District Officers:

Eleanor G. Cutter	\$5 00	
Arnold B. Bailey	29 40	
Shirley L. Jones	29 40	
C. Gladys St. John	46 80	
Elizabeth Jones	26 46	
Treasurer, State of N. H.	2 94	
		\$140 00

2. Supt.'s Salary (local share):

Supervisory Union No. 63	\$503 72
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3. Tax for State Wide Supervision:

Treasurer, State of N. H.	\$180 00
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4. Salaries of Other Adm. Personnel:

Supervisory Union No. 63	\$203 84	
C. Gladys St. John	12 00	
		\$215 84

5. Supplies and Expenses:

Supervisory Union No. 63	\$200 44	
Elizabeth Jones	9 15	
C. Gladys St. John	6 71	
		\$216 30

INSTRUCTION:

6. Teachers' Salaries:

Neil Howard	\$2,739 25	
Hazel Clement	2,556 62	
Ethelyn Edwards	341 85	
Nina M. Abbott	8 00	
Barbara Putnam	16 00	
Supervisory Union No. 63	49 00	
Director of Internal Revenue	477 00	
N. H. Teachers' Retirement System	709 90	
		\$6,897 62

7. Books and Other Instructional Aids:

Scott, Foresman and Co.	\$73 93	
The Art Centre	5 83	
Noble & Noble, Publishers	4 19	
University of N. H.	60 00	
The Macmillan Co.	7 03	
The John C. Winston Co.	12 00	
American Education Publishing	4 00	
Allyn and Bacon	17 54	
		\$184 52

8. Scholars' Supplies:

Charles Scribner & Sons	\$14 32	
D. C. Heath & Co.	2 04	
Allyn and Bacon	36 25	
Row, Peterson and Co.	13 94	
Rand McNally and Co.	15 14	
Bostitch-Northeast Inc.	5 20	
Cascade Paper Co.	2 41	
Ginn and Co.	2 04	
Houghton and Mifflin Co.	15 66	
Laidlaw Bros.	21 54	
Chas. E. Merrill, Books	16 56	
Mainco Trading Co.	19 02	
J. L. Hammett Co.	33 73	
Gledhill Bros.	12 09	
Silver Burdett Co.	5 87	
Scott, Foresman and Co.	56 98	
Milton Bradley Co.	14 85	
Henry S. Wolkins Co.	15 36	
J. E. Davidson	14 00	
Pioneer Office Appliance Co.	1 60	
Supervisory Union No. 63	36 53	
Junior Scholastic	17 00	
American Education Publishing	19 00	
Wilton School District	1 60	
William L. Nutting, Inc.	8 37	
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		\$401 10

10. Supplies and Other Expenses:

Gledhill Bros., Inc.	\$1 60	
Neil Howard	10 00	
J. L. Hammett Co.	12 99	
Supervisory Union No. 63	3 22	
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		\$27 81

OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT:

11. Salaries of Custodian:

C. Gladys St. John	\$428 60	
Gertrude Murdo	28 00	
N. H.-Vt. Hospitalization Service	40 80	
Treasurer, State of N. H.	16 08	
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		\$513 48

12. Fuel and Heat:

Draper Fuel Co.	\$365 74	
Daniels' Garage	76 50	
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		\$442 24

13. Water, Light, Supplies and Expenses:

The Color Shop	\$ 94	
Joslin Hardware	10 89	

Public Service Co.	173 71	
West Disinfecting Co.	68 35	
Francetown Elec. & Water Co.	27 83	
Richard Miller	5 00	
I. H. Vadney	3 90	
Wilton Plumbing and Heating	17 00	
		\$307 62

MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL PLANT:

14. Repairs and Replacements:

Norton R. Brown	\$145 20	
Donald Hoyt	22 00	
Wilton Lumber Co.	11 25	
The Garland Co.	30 00	
Carl K. Stimson	69 53	
A. H. Rice Co., Inc.	20 94	
Orvel B. Peirce Co.	15 00	
Duncan L. Tocher	4 25	
		\$318 17

AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES:

15. Health Supervision:

Sybil Beatham	\$242 00	
Supervisory Union No. 63	2 08	
N. H. Teachers' Retirement System	8 00	
Louis Wiederhold, M.D.	60 00	
Clukay Pharmacy	59	
		\$312 67

16. Transportation:

Arthur Lord	\$1,230 80	
Yvonne Creighton	1,255 60	
N. H.-Vt. Hospitalization Service	81 60	
		\$2,568 00

17. Tuition:

Peterborough School District	\$7,751 46	
Hillsborough-Deering Coop. School	300 00	
Milford School District	136 50	
New Boston School District	500 00	
		\$8,687 96

18. Special Activities and Special Funds:

Supervisory Union No. 63	\$ 80	
18a. School Lunch	\$419 51	

FIXED CHARGES:

19. Retirement:

N H. Teachers' Retirement System	\$479 87
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20. Insurance, Treas. Bonds and Expenses:

Davis-Clark Insurance Agency	\$205 21
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Treasurer, State of N. H.	5 58	
N. H. Dept. of Public Welfare	1 30	
N. H. School Board Association	10 00	
		<hr/>
		\$222 09

CAPITAL OUTLAY:

23. New Equipment:

Beckley-Cardy Co.	\$53 16	
H. D. Burrage and Co.	42 67	
Seamans Supply Co.	8 90	
G. H. Tilden & Co.	59 50	
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		\$164 23

DEBT AND INTEREST:

25. Payments on Principal:

Souhegan National Bank	\$500 00
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26. Payments of Interest:

Souhegan National Bank	\$61 25
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IN AND OUT ITEMS:

27. To be Refunded:

N. H.-Vt. Hospitalization Service	\$117 00	
B. N. Lufkin	150 00	
J. J. Moreau & Son, Inc.	8 10	
Director of Internal Revenue	56 70	
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		\$331 80

Total Gross Payments for all Purposes	\$24,096 60
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Respectfully submitted,

ARNOLD B. BAILEY

SHIRLEY L. JONES

C. GLADYS ST. JOHN

School Board

REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER

Fiscal Year July 1, 1955 to June 30, 1956

Cash on Hand July 1, 1955		\$747 67
Received from Selectmen:		
Current Appropriation	\$22,476 52	
Received from State Treasurer:		
Federal Funds	419 51	
Received from Tuitions	700 00	
Received from all other sources	332 22	
Total Receipts		\$23,928 25
Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year		\$24,675 92
Less School Board Orders Paid		24,096 60
Balance on hand June 30, 1956		\$579 38

	ELIZABETH H. JONES
June 30, 1956	District Treasurer

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that I have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Francestown, of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1956 and find them correct in all respects.

	ELEANOR G. CUTTER
July 1, 1956	Auditor

SCHEDULE OF INDEBTEDNESS

Notes and Bonds Outstanding as of June 30, 1956	\$1,500 00
Principal & Interest due Sept. 1956	\$526 25
Interest due March 1957	17 50
Principal and Interest due Sept. 1957	517 50
Interest due March 1958	8 75
Principal & Interest due Sept. 1958	508 75

REPORT OF SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

The summary below covers the receipts, expenditures, and balances of the School Lunch Program at Francestown for the fiscal year 1955-56:

Cash on Hand July 1, 1955	\$97 97
Receipts:	
Lunch Sales, Children	\$1,621 32
Lunch Sales, Adults	80 87
	<hr/> \$1,702 19
Receipt of Reimbursements	334 23
Miscellaneous Cash Contributions	124 64
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Total Receipts	\$2,161 06
Total Cash Available	<hr/> \$2,259 03
Expenditures:	
Food	\$1,312 82
Labor	847 68
All Other	42 82
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Total Expenditures	\$2,203 32
Actual Cash Balance as of June 30, 1956	<hr/> \$55 71

I hereby certify that the above information is true and correct that the cash balance has been determined by actual count and/or verification of the check book balance; and that invoices and other pertinent records as required are on file to substantiate the School Lunch Program transactions.

Respectfully submitted,

C. GLADYS ST. JOHN

Manager

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

TO THE SCHOOL BOARD AND CITIZENS OF FRANCESTOWN:

I respectfully submit my tenth annual report as your Superintendent of Schools.

STAFF AND INSTRUCTION

The Francetown Public School opened this fall with the following staff. Mr. Neil Howard, Principal and teacher of grades 5 through 8; Miss Hazel Clement, teacher of grades 1 through 4; Mrs. Martha Colburn, teacher of grades 1 and 2 from 9:00 to 12:00 A. M. Miss Ethelyn G. Edwards, music teacher and supervisor; Miss Sybil M. Beatham, school nurse; Dr. Louis Wiederhold, school doctor; Mrs. C. Gladys St. John, school lunch manager.

Mrs. Colburn, was added to the staff this year as a part-time teacher to assist Miss Clement with grades 1 through 4, but working specifically with grades 1 and 2. This has worked out exceptionally well and all of the good results that were anticipated are being and have been accomplished. Mrs. Colburn devotes her complete time from 9:00 to 12:00 to grades 1 and 2, concentrating on the fundamentals. This relieves Miss Clement, so that she can concentrate on the same areas with grade 3 and 4. In the afternoon Miss Clement has all four grades and confines her efforts largely to the general educational development of all four grades. More specifically this consists of work in Social Studies, Language Arts, Science, Handwork and Penmanship practice.

The greater part of my report this year will confine itself to a discussion of the need, and the general educational advantage, that would be obtained by developing a classroom in a portion of the basement, and adding a full-time teacher.

There are several factors that influenced the School Board to seriously consider this move this year. First and foremost is the extreme difficulty that one experiences in employing and retaining qualified and competent teachers in schools having multiple grades. The teaching situation is so critical in the elementary schools of the state and the nation, that a teacher can select the type of position which he or she desires to hold and in most cases their interests are in single graded schools. Consequently, we should look seriously at the possibility of reducing the number of grades per teacher. Secondly, the educational program offered in the elementary school today is so comprehensive that a teacher finds it exceedingly difficult to spread his or her talents over four grades, during the normal school day. Those pupils who need more of the teacher's attention than others, invariably get lost along the way, despite the efforts of the teacher to prevent this. Thirdly, the enrollment in the first four grades

will increase to the point that in 1957-58, it is anticipated that the primary room will have an enrollment of 41 pupils; 1958-59, 42 pupils; 1959-60, 41 pupils; 1960-61, 41 pupils; 1961-62, 41 pupils; 1962-63, 35 pupils and the upper grade room will have 41 pupils. These figures are based on the premise that Francestown will continue to take the North Lyndeboro pupils as tuitions. If the Lyndeboro pupils are excluded, the primary room will be faced with enrollments of 34 in 1957-58; 37 in '58-59; 37 in '59-60; and 39 in '60-61, with a possible, but improbable drop to 34 in '61-62. Consequently, it would appear that something will have to be done about providing additional space, if an effective educational program is to be operative in grade 1-4, regardless of whether or not the Lyndeboro pupils are accepted

While physically, our two classrooms can house approximately 35 pupils, educationally, with four grades to a room, the number should not exceed 25. Enrollments in the various grades do not always permit an even distribution of pupils in the rooms. At no time, in the near future, can we visualize a building enrollment of as few as 50 pupils, with or without tuition pupils.

The additional full-time teacher could permit an organizational set-up of no more than three grades to two teachers and two grades to one. The enrollment of the individual grades, plus the competence of the pupils, would dictate the assignment of grades to a room. Generally speaking, it is advisable to have the smaller number of pupils to a room in the lower grades, where the basic skill subjects compose the greatest part of the educational program. As the pupils attain more mature study habits and independence, larger numbers can more adequately be handled in the upper grades.

The foregoing is an attempt to describe the thinking that has transpired to date. The next questions to be considered might well be, what will the program outlined above cost? Is it advantageous for the Francestown School District to embark upon such a program from a financial point of view? Could we send our 7th and 8th grade pupils out of town on a tuition basis any more cheaply?

COST OF ADDITIONAL ROOM IN BASEMENT

Recent estimates of the work required and the costs involved in making over the north section of the basement room into an approved classroom, would consist of an expenditure of approximately \$3750. This figure includes the equipment necessary to completely outfit the additional space. The Warrant permits the voters to raise this money by two methods. Article 9, provides an opportunity for the voters to raise it all out of this year's tax assessment. Article 10, permits the voters to raise it by issuing serial notes, to be paid off over a period not exceeding 5 years. It should be taken into consideration that if the

money is amortized over a period of time, the district will be eligible for a 20% return on the annual principal payment each year for the duration of the notes, from the State Building Aid Fund.

Operating and maintenance costs relating to the additional room would be \$265. The voters have been given an opportunity to act on this under Article 13.

Additional teacher's salary, including the district's share of the teacher retirement program, is estimated at \$2100. This will be voted on under Article 12.

The total cost of the program outlined above will be \$6,115 if all items are voted to come out of the 1957 tax assessment. An income of \$1,295 can be realized from tuition payments, making the net total \$4,820.

If the \$3750 is amortized over a period of five years, the breakdown of the costs would be as follows for 1957-58:

Interest on Note at 3%	\$112 50
Teacher's Salary, including retirement	2,100 00
Operating costs first year	265 00
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	\$2,477 50
Receipts from Lyndeboro tuitions	1,295 00
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Total Net Cost	\$1,182 50

If the money is borrowed in July 1957, the first principal payment would come due in July 1958. Thus the reason for not including it in the figures outlined above. It is assumed that the principal payment would be \$750 per year. One should also note that the last payment of \$500 on the original school building will be made in September 1958. In succeeding years, the net cost to the district will be only \$250 per year more than it has been paying for the past 18 years. Also one should take into consideration that Francestown would receive \$150 per year from State Building Aid Funds, this aid more than erasing the cost of the interest. The estimated cost of the additional room projected over several years is as follows. These costs include teacher's salary, capital outlay and cost of operation for the duration of the notes:

1958-59	\$4,415
1959-60	4,615
1960-61	4,815
1961-62	5,015
*1962-63	5,215
1963-64	4,665

*Principal payment eliminated in July 1962.

These costs have not taken into consideration the fact that the return from the State Building Aid Fund will reduce the figures slightly.

COST OF TUITION PUPILS

In the past several years comments have been made that the tuition pupils from North Lyndeboro should be eliminated because of the cost to the Francestown School District. If we take a careful look at this situation, do the facts bear out the statements? In 1955-56, the average per pupil cost, for tuition purposes in Francestown, was \$188.70. Consequently, the School Board has set the tuition at \$185 per pupil.

The following deductions are based upon the School Board's estimated budget for 1957-58. There are essentially only two items that are affected by tuition pupils from North Lyndeboro. These are Books and Other Instructional Aids, which cost the district 40¢ per pupil per month and Scholars' Supplies which cost the district 67¢ per pupil per month. These costs projected for seven pupils over a ten months period, indicates that the total cost of educating these seven pupils per year is \$74.90. All other expenses of instruction, transportation, administration and operation, would be essentially the same whether or not Francestown accepted these pupils. Therefore the apparent net profit on these pupils for 1957-58 would be \$1,220.10.

Therefore it should not be construed that the Lyndeboro tuition pupils are responsible for the desire to have the additional classroom space.

The program should be viewed as one that would provide an opportunity for raising the educational level of all pupils in all grades, because of reduced numbers in each room, particularly in the primary and intermediate rooms, and the reduced number of grades per teacher. Such an organization would make it easier to obtain replacement teachers, if and when, this becomes necessary. Such an organization would provide more adequate supervision at all times because the responsibilities and duties can be allocated to three teachers rather than two.

COST OF SENDING GRADES 7 AND 8 OUT OF TOWN ON TUITION BASIS

The cost of sending our 7th and 8th grade pupils to Peterborough on a tuition basis would be approximately as follows:

		Transportation	Total
1957-58—12 at \$231	\$2,772	\$2,700	\$5,472
1958-59—11 at \$231	2,541	2,700	5,241
1959-60—14 at \$231	3,234	2,700	5,934
1960-61—16 at \$231	3,696	2,700	6,396

The above estimates are based upon the premise that the tuition rate of \$231 per pupil will remain the same, which it probably will not. The past few years has shown an increase of approximately \$5.00 per pupil in grades 1-8. The above estimates on transportation are based upon 50 miles of travel per day from the Francestown Public School to the Peterborough

School at an estimated cost of 30¢ per mile. This figure might be reduced some if the high school pupils were combined with the 7th and 8th grade pupils. No consideration has been given to the cost of transporting the 7th and 8th grade pupils from their homes to the Francestown School early enough in the morning to catch the bus for Peterborough. We could conceivably be duplicating our town routes to provide this service.

Eliminating the 7th and 8th grade pupils from our building would still leave us with unwieldy room sizes in the first three grades, inasmuch as the grade assignments for the next three years would be as follows:

Year	Grade				Grade				Bldg. Total
	1	2	3	Total	4	5	6	Total	
1957-58	14	8	9	31	10	8	6	24	55
1958-59	11	14	8	33	9	10	8	27	60
1959-60	8	11	14	33	8	9	10	27	60
1960-61	8	8	11	27	14	8	9	31	58
1961-62	8	8	8	24	11	14	8	33	57

A recapitulation of the costs may be compared by a study of the following tables:

ADDITIONAL ROOM		TUITION TO PETERBOROUGH	
1957-58	\$3,779		\$5,472
1958-59	4,415		5,241
1959-60	4,615		5,934
1960-61	4,815		6,396
1961-62	5,015		6,396
*1962-63	5,215		6,396
1963-64	4,665		6,396

These estimated costs have not taken into consideration any receipts from Lyndeboro tuitions. These receipts would range from \$1,295 to \$1,480.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

This past year the exterior of the building was painted one coat, the classroom floors were bleached and sealed, the basement area floor was repainted and an extensive job of re-grading the play area was accomplished. To date it appears as though our playground drainage problem has been solved. However, the spring rains will be the test as to whether or not we have adequate drainage on the playground.

For several years we have proposed the installation of a fence between the lower playground area and the adjacent property. We still feel that this is desirable. The longer this program is delayed, the more costly the project becomes. When it was mentioned in 1954 the cost of the installation was \$1.45 per foot. This fall it was \$2.00 per foot. It would seem that serious consideration should be given to this project at this annual

district meeting. The area to be fenced requires 197 feet of 4' chain link fence at an estimated cost of \$394.

No major improvements in the plant or the grounds is being proposed in the budget.

FINANCE

The School Board's Budget for 1957-58, calls for an appropriation of \$27,856.29, a decrease of \$2,211.37. This decrease is reflected in tuitions, where despite the fact that tuition costs have increased, the fact that we anticipate 10 pupils less going to Peterborough High School than we did last year, affects the budget materially. Also it will be noted that the cost for capital outlay has decreased decidedly. The largest single increase is in teachers' salaries. However, as is indicated above this has more than been cancelled by decreases in other areas.

The estimated income has increased by \$529.32. This is due largely to the fact that we anticipate a balance of \$1,579.32 from the current budget. No effort has been made to include any tuition income from the Lyndeboro pupils. If the building program is approved then we can apply an additional income of \$1,295 to the estimated income, making the total estimated income \$2,974.32.

CONCLUSION

I wish to again express my appreciation to the Francetown School Board, the Francetown P. T. A. and the citizens of Francetown for their interest, cooperation and assistance in carrying out an effective educational program.

NEWELL J. PAIRE

Superintendent of Schools

REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

During the School Year I made nineteen visits to the Frances-town Public School to supervise the health of the school children and to assist in carrying out the work of the School Health Program.

The Salk Vaccine Program was carried forward with the assistance of the State Health Nurse, Mrs. Somes, and in October the second shots were given to the children who had received the first injections in Milford during the month of May. Upon the release of the second group of vaccine arrangements were made to have a clinic sponsored by the Grange during which the vaccine was administered to children from one to fourteen years of age. Sixty-eight children and one pregnant woman were inoculated. At the present time the date of the second injection is unknown, but it is hoped that it will be given in the fall.

By means of the Snellon Chart I screened the vision of all the children and sent notes to the parents whose children showed a loss of vision. I used the group audiometer to screen the hearing of the children in the upper five grades and hope to do more in this field during the coming year.

I assisted Dr. Wiederhold when he was examining the children and kept records on each one throughout the year.

Pre-school registration was held on June 5 and eight children were introduced to the health program and the communicable disease history taken for use when they enter in the fall.

I made three home visits during the year to arrange for visits to special clinics.

The children were weighed and measured during the year at intervals and most showed a satisfactory gain.

Defects found by Dr. Wiederhold:

Enlarged tonsils	8
Heart Murmur	1
Speech defect	1
Overweight	2

Respectfully submitted,

SYBIL M. BEATHAM, R. N.
School Nurse

1956 REPORT OF N. H. STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH BUREAU OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING

Salk Vaccine Clinics were held at the school during the past year. This was given to children from 6 months thru 19 years of age and Pre-Natals.

FRANCESTOWN:

Clinics Held		2
Attendance		128
Infants	4	
Pre-School	62	
School	59	
Others	3	
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Total		128

Home visits have been made with emphasis on the care of the sick and Health Education.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Wiederhold, School Department, Grange, Evelyn Vadney, Clinic Chairman, and her committee. This service would not have been possible without the parents and friends who have co-operated so generously with the work of the Public Health Nurse.

It has been a pleasure to work with you.

Respectfully submitted,

HAZEL W. SOMES, R. N.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

In anticipation of presenting our plans for an additional room as described in the Superintendent's Report, at the annual school district meeting and realizing that it would have an impact on whatever plans the town may have for expenditures in providing the services it renders, we invited the Francestown Advisory Committee to sit in with us on two evenings to discuss and think through with us the problem at hand.

The first meeting consisted largely of presenting the problem and looking at possible solutions. The second meeting consisted primarily of a discussion of the manner in which the problem could be resolved without affecting immeasurably the financial structure of the town. At this meeting the Advisory Committee presented the following recommendation:

"You requested our opinion concerning the Francestown School, specifically with respect to the pupils from Lyndeboro and the consequent overcrowding in future years both because of their presence and also our own projected school population, which might necessitate increased facilities in this school.

We have carefully considered these matters, not only from the standpoint of educational facilities, but also in relation to the future growth of the town and the other facets of town planning and management.

However, in view of the fact that it appears there is the possibility that at some date in the future Lyndeboro may be in a position to take care of their own school children, we feel that you would be well advised to do the following:

1. Negotiate a tuition contract with Lyndeboro to supply school facilities for their children as projected in your tables, for at least three and preferably five years, so that the school can depend on revenue from that source.

2. If you can successfully negotiate such a contract, construct the third room in the basement as outlined by you.

We also recommend that the funds for this room be raised and appropriated at this next school district meeting, taking full advantage of whatever state fund can be made available to you.

Any contract should, of course, be based upon the increased costs resulting from any new construction and additional operating expenses.

If such a contract cannot be negotiated, we are of divided opinion as to the desirability of constructing a third room, but we feel that, in any case, the matter of the third classroom should be brought before the next school district meeting.

Francestown Advisory Committee

By FORD W. BOWMAN, Chairman"

We wish to express our appreciation to Mr. Ford Bowman, Mr. Donough Prince, Mr. Harry Varnum, Mr. William Lord and Mr. Paul Bradbury, for their time and effort in assisting us in developing a reasonable solution to our problem.

Respectfully submitted,

ARNOLD BAILEY
C. GLADYS ST. JOHN
SHIRLEY JONES

School Board

STATISTICS ENDING JUNE 30, 1956

Grades	ENROLLMENT								Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
Primary	9	11	9	7					36
Grammar					5	8	7	10	30
								Total	66

ATTENDING SCHOOLS ELSEWHERE

Peterborough High School	26
Hillsboro High School	1
New Boston High School	2
Private Schools Outside District	3
Parochial School Outside District	1

ATTENDANCE

School	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Percent of Attendance	Tardinesses	
				Total	Per Pupil
Primary	32.67	30.94	94.70	7	.25
Grammar	27.00	25.96	96.15	0	0

Visits by Superintendent of Schools 58

ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE

One Year: Clyde Cilley, Jack Curran, Gregory Robinson

STATISTICS FOR FIRST TWENTY WEEKS 1956-57

Census: (Ages 1 day to 18 yrs. incl.)	Boys 79; Girls 57; Total 136
Attending Schools in Francestown	54
Attending Public Schools Outside District	24
Attending Private Schools Outside District	3
Attending Parochial Schools Outside District	2

ENROLLMENT BY GRADE

School	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Primary	8	8	11	7					34
Grammar					7	5	7	5	24
							Total		58

ATTENDANCE

School	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Percent of Attendance
Primary	33.91	31.30	92.30
Grammar	23.88	22.26	93.21

**FRANCESTOWN SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE FOR THE YEAR
1957-1958**

School Board's statement of amounts required to support public schools and meet other statutory obligations of the district for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1957 and comparative analysis of expenditures:

	Expended 1955-1956	Budgeted 1956-1957	Estimated Budget 1957-1958
A. ADMINISTRATION:			
1. Salaries of District Officers	\$140 00	\$140 60	\$140 60
2. *Supt.'s Salary (local share)	393 96	432 00	477 90
3. Tax for State Wide Supervision	180 00	174 00	180 00
4. Salaries of Other Admn. Personnel	215 84	270 00	310 60
5. Supplies and Expenses	326 06	371 68	406 49
B. INSTRUCTION:			
6. Teachers' Salaries	6,897 62	9,020 00	10,825 00
7. Textbooks & Other Instr. Aids	184 52	260 00	270 00
8. Scholars' Supplies	410 10	436 00	447 00
10. Other Instructional Expenses	27 81	77 00	87 00
C. OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT:			
11. Salary of Custodian	513 48	650 00	650 00
12. Fuel or Heat	442 24	450 00	475 00
13. Water, Light & Other Expenses	307 62	287 50	298 00
D. MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL PLANT:			
14. Repairs and Replacements	318 17	740 00	290 00
E. AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES:			
15. Health Supervision	312 67	330 00	360 00
16. Transportation	2,568 00	2,594 00	2,670 00
17. Tuition	8,687 96	10,880 00	7,640 00
18. Special Fund Activities	80	45 00	45 00
18a. School Milk	419 51		
F. FIXED CHARGES:			
19. Teacher Retirement	479 87	517 00	733 47
20. Insurance, Bonds & Expenses	222 09	349 13	423 23
TOTAL CURRENT EXPENSES	\$23,039 32	\$28,023 91	\$26,729 29
G. CAPITAL OUTLAY:			
21. Land and New Buildings		1,500 00	450 00
22. Additions and Improvements			150 00
23. New Equipment	164 23		
H. DEBT AND INTEREST:			
25. Payments on Principal	500 00	500 00	500 00
26. Payments of Interest	61 25	43 75	27 00
TOTAL AMOUNT REQUIRED TO MEET SCHOOL BOARD'S BUDGET	\$23,764 80	\$30,067 66	\$27,856 29
27. Payments of "In and Out" Items	331 80		
TOTAL GROSS PAYMENTS	\$24,096 60		

Cash on Hand June 30, 1956	579 32		
GRAND TOTAL	\$24,675 92		
I. INCOME OF DISTRICT:	ACTUAL	ESTIMATED	ESTIMATED
Balance on hand June 30, 1955	\$747 67		\$1,579 32
Tuitions	700 00	\$1,050 00	
School Lunch	419 51		
Other Sources	42		
Taxation	22,476 52		
TOTAL NET INCOME	\$24,344 12		
"In and Out" Items	331 80		
GROSS INCOME FROM ALL SOURCES	\$24,675 92		
State Aid Building Fund		100 00	100 00
TOTAL ESTIMATED INCOME		\$1,150 00	\$1,679 32
Total Estimated Assessment			
Required to Cover School Board's Budget		\$28,917 66	\$26,176 97
*Supervisory Union No. 63 share of Superintendent's Salary \$5,025; State Share \$2500.			

TRUST FUNDS

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF FRANCES TOWN ON DECEMBER 31, 1956

Date of Creation	NAME OF TRUST FUND— PURPOSE OF TRUST FUND	HOW INVESTED	Principal		Balance Beginning Year	Income Amount	Expended During Year	Balance End Year
			Balance Beginning Year	New Funds Created				
1954	Co—Mingled Fund "A" Cemetery Care	Manchester Sav. Bank	\$5,725 00		\$1,020 39	\$222 64	\$228 00	\$1,015 03
1954	Co—Mingled Fund "B" Cemetery Care	Amoskeag Sav. Bank	3,609 28		516 12	135 91	122 00	530 53
1852	Levi Woodbury Fund Educational	Amoskeag Sav. Bank	1,000 00		33 32	33 85	32 59	34 58
1946	Capital Reserve Fund	Manchester Sav. Bank	1,700 00	\$1,700 00	35 35	28 76		64 11
1954	George F. Pettee Cemetery Care	Manchester Sav. Bank	200 00		2 83	6 66		9 49
1954	Vase and Blake Cemetery Care	Manchester Sav. Bank	450 00		5 64	15 01	15 00	5 65
1956	Minnie P. Newton Cemetery Care	Manchester Sav. Bank	100 00					
	Noble & Nossie Pearson Cemetery Care	Manchester Sav. Bank	200 00					
	Geo. Holmes Bixby Library	Peterboro Co-op Bank	200 00					
		Investment shares	1,500 00	See Note				
	Geo. Holmes Bixby Library	Manchester Sav. Bank	1,025 00					

NOTE: The Trustees of Trust Funds do not receive or pay out any income on these funds—Payment is made direct to the Library Board.

RODNEY G. MILLS
ELIZABETH WIEDERHOLD
PAUL T. BRADBURY

Trustees of Trust Funds

VITAL STATISTICS

Births Registered in the Town of Francestown, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1956

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of Child	Sex	No. Child		Name of Father	Maiden Name Mother	Color	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
				Condition							
1956											
Feb. 17	Goffstown	Miller	F	S	3	Herman C. Miller	Dorothy E. Leland	W	Mechanic	Francestown	Manchester
April 8	Goffstown	Stephen F. Paige	M	L	5	Clarence E. Paige	Lucille Foote	W	Farmer	Peterborough	Francestown
May 20	Peterborough	Orloff G. Miller	M	L	1	Orloff W. Miller	Mary J. Williams	W	Minister	Boston, Mass.	Cleveland, Ohio
June 18	Peterborough	Louise A. Kiblin	F	S	1	Howard D. Kiblin	Eleanor L. Hoyt	W	Farmer	Deering	Bennington
June 29	Peterborough	Frank Amos Jones	M	L	4	Frank Willis Jones	Marian E. Hoyt	W	Farmer	Francestown	Windsor, Conn.
June 12	Nashua	Susan Forbes	F	L	4	Alan H. Forbes	Helen E. Patterson	W	Manufacturer	Massachusetts	Massachusetts

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

HERMAN C. MILLER, Town Clerk

Marriages Registered in the Town of Francestown, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1936

Place & Date of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of each at time of Marriage	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth of Each	Names of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	Name and Residence of Person by Whom Married
1936 March 3 Francestown	Carl Henry Hurdwick Dorothy Ann Hoyt	Francestown Francestown	23 18	Farmer None	New Hampshire New Hampshire	Harry B. Hurdwick Edna Abbott Donald E. Hoyt	Massachusetts New Hampshire New Hampshire	Harrison L. Packard Cong'l Minister Antrim
June 30 Milford	Richard Oscar Bailey Blanche Thelma Paige	New Boston Francestown	18 18	Foundry None	New Hampshire New Hampshire	Winifred L. Champney Ralph Bailey Grace Sarah Stearns Harvey J. Paige	New Hampshire New Hampshire New Hampshire New Hampshire	Rev. E. M. Jones Ordained Minister Milford
July 8 Francestown	John Willard Ames Susan Martin	Belfast, Me. Francestown	25 26	Minister	Maine New York	Vera Blanche Draper Ralph Wilbur Ames Winifred L. Steekins Hiram G. Martin	Maine Maine Georgia Maine	Frederick D. Hayes Cong'l Minister Auburn, Me.
July 28 Bennington	Earl Stuart Homel Dorothy Ellen Gray	Francestown Bennington	22 18	U. S. Navy At home	Lowell, Mass. Maine	Ruth Cullens George F. Homel Clara E. Beard George H. Gray	Wear Maine Maine Maine	Thomas H. Billings Cong'l Minister Hancock
Dec. 29 Peterboro	Robert Henry St. John Sylvia Patricia Eastman	Francestown Peterborough	29 19	Millworker Factory worker	New Hampshire New Hampshire	Greta H. Robbins Annes O. St. John Carrie Johnson Harold F. Eastman Rudy M. LaCross	Massachusetts New Hampshire New Hampshire New Hampshire New Hampshire	Richard J. Bailar Cong'l Minister Peterborough

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief
 HERMAN C. MILLER, Town Clerk

Deaths Registered in the Town of Francestown, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1956

Date	Place of Death	Name and Surname of Deceased	Age	Place of Birth	Sex	Cond.	Occupation	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
1956									
Feb. 20	Francestown	Cora Lydia Lord	90	Ellenburg, N. Y.	F	W	Teacher	Martin V. B. Worden	Sophia Curry
May 24	Francestown	Wm. Henry Shoults, Jr.	77	Antrim	M	W	Weaver	Wm. H. Shoults, Sr.	Sarah C. Wyman
June 14	Peterborough	Levi Mason Bixby	82	Lynn Mass.	M	M	Agent, Insurance	Thomas E. Bixby	Ada Morse
Aug. 21	Millford	Harold Colburn	59	Francestown	M	d	Machinist	Frank Colburn	Althea Tobey
Dec. 19	Francestown	Anna Laura Amlett	83	Ashburnham, Mass.	F	W	Housewife	Mayo Woods	Emma Whipple

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.
 HERMAN C. MILLER, Town Clerk

UNCOLLECTED TAXES 1956 LEVY

As of February 13, 1957

	Property	Polls	Head
Bartholemew, Frederick		\$2 00	
Bassett, Wm. Jr., & Doris C. Bal.	\$54 40		
Benson, Betty B.		2 00	
Black, Chas. E. & Charlotte, Bal.	25 00		
Champagne, Chas. & Myra	71 30	4 00	\$10 00
Creighton, Walter A.	40 00	2 00	
Dodge, Abbie A.		2 00	5 00
Dufield, James & Dorothy		4 00	
Durgin, Leah		2 00	5 00
Dustin, Sarah E.		2 00	5 00
Foote, Amy B.		2 00	
Foote, Clara M.		2 00	5 00
Foote, Clayton & Ernest	450 80	2 00	5 00
Foote, Geo. B. & Clara	40 00		
Clark & Cutter	11 50		
Foote, Lester & Julliana		4 00	10 00
Forbes, Allen & Helen E.	161 00	2 00	10 00
Francestown Water & Elect. Co.	161 00		
Heckbert, Arthur L.		2 00	
Hickey, Catherine	179 40		
Higgins, Alice P.	23 00	2 00	5 00
Higgins, Otis G.		2 00	5 00
Hill, Henry B.	161 00		
Hoyt, Robert & Mary E.		4 00	10 00
Houston, Madeline		2 00	5 00
Houston, Robert M.	27 60	2 00	5 00
Hutchinson, Harry & Ella		2 00	
Johns, Marvin & Gertrude	92 00	4 00	10 00
Ludwig, Jos. B. & Irma	92 00		
Mausolf, Donald & Mamie, Bal.	39 00		
MacAdams, Wm. C.	230 00		5 00
Magoon, Richard & Jeanne	16 10	4 00	10 00
Merrill, Ernest E.	46 00		
Murdough, Clarence A.	69 00		5 00
Murdough, Viola M.		2 00	5 00
Myers, Henry J. & Gladys	128 80	2 00	10 00
Nichols, Wm.	23 00	2 00	5 00
Paige, Clarence E. & Lucille	82 80	4 00	10 00
Paige, Harvey & Vera B.	46 00		
Place, Emma F., Bal.	97 00		
Pratt, Clifford		2 00	5 00
Robinson, Bertha E.	147 20	2 00	5 00
Robinson, Gregory		2 00	5 00
Rhodes, Garold & Gladys	46 00	4 00	10 00
St. John, Gladys	57 50	2 00	
St. John, Leo	13 80		5 00
St. John, Robert H.	11 50		
Sturow, Helmut & Eva		2 00	
Simpson, Harold J.		2 00	5 00
Tuckerman, Elsia M.	230 00		
Udall, Alden R.	161 00	2 00	5 00
Udall, Robert C.		2 00	5 00
Udall, Roberta M.		2 00	5 00
Vadney, Minnetta & Leland		2 00	10 00
Wason, Susan		2 00	5 00
NON-RESIDENT:			
Blanchard, Robert	\$18 40		
Buckley, Joel B. & Doris	69 00		

Chipman, Chas. & Buzzell, Philip	1	15	
Colburn, Edward M.	32	20	
Dory, Ray & Marion	9	20	
Evans, Grace G.	207	00	
Follansbee, Est. of Addie L.	46	00	
Marino, Emelio & Katherine	128	80	
Newell, Gerald G.	78	20	
Place, Lela B.	2	30	
Poulin, Alfred S.	23	00	
Prince, John B. & Ethel	69	00	
Putnam, Est. of Frank	1	15	
Sumner, Eugene C.	11	50	
Thurston, Vivian H.	21	40	
Wheeler, Karl F.	11	50	
Webster, Daniel	27	60	
Wood, Katherin M.	115	00	
Arnold, Frances P.			\$5 00
Champagne, Chas., Jr.			5 00
Daniels, Winston			5 00
Daniels, Elizabeth			5 00
Forbes, William			5 00
MacAdams, Lois		\$2 00	5 00
Morrill, Mary J.			5 00
Charron, Maynard L. (Yield Tax)	\$28	88	
Total Property	\$3,907	10	\$94 00 \$245 00
Total Yield	\$28	88	

UNCOLLECTED TAXES — PRIOR YEARS

Udall, Roberta M., 1955 poll	\$2 00
Kirsch, Walter, 1954 property	85 20
Lafield, Wm. H., 1954, 1952 poll	4 00
Higgins, Alice P., 1953 poll	2 00
Pitkins, Dorothy, 1953, 1952 property	7 70
Roberts, Sumner B., 1953, 1952 yield	201 00
Forbes, Wm., 1952 poll	2 00
Archibald and Runnells, 1953 yield	40 00
Hill, Henry B., 1951 property	2 00
Bassett, Wm. J., 1950 property	23 40
Total	\$369 30

UNCOLLECTED STATE HEAD TAXES — PRIOR YEARS

As of February 13, 1957

1955 Levy:	
Forbes, Allen	\$5 00
Forbes, William	5 00
Higgins, Alice P.	5 00
Udall, Roberta M.	5 00
	\$20 00
1954 Levy:	
Foote, Winifred	\$5 00
Forbes, Allen	5 00
Lafield, William	5 00
Forbes, William	5 00
Higgins, Alice P.	5 00
	\$25 00

1953 Levy:		
Forbes, William	\$5 00	
Higgins, Alice P.	5 00	
		\$10 00
1952 Levy:		
Champagne, Myra	\$5 00	
Foote, Winifred	5 00	
Foote, Lucille	5 00	
Lafield, William H.	5 00	
		\$20 00
1951 Levy:		
Champagne, Myra		\$5 00

UNREDEEMED TAXES AS OF FEBRUARY 13, 1957

	1955	1954	1953	1952	1951	1949	1948
F. F. Foote & Sons	\$407 23	\$449 59	\$29 28	Bal.			
Daniel Webster	27 55	55 89					
Catherine F. Hickey	67 28	Bal.					
Sarah Foote, Estate	12 79						
Garold R. Rhodes	44 42						
Allen H. Forbes	148 07						
Frank Putnam, Estate	3 30	3 35					
Charles F. Chipman	3 30						
Addie Follansbee, Estate		91 20					
Winifred Smith		11 17					
Henry B. Murray				\$10 88			
Louise Brock					\$9 56		
Stephen Chase					2 25	Bal.	
Earl Hammond						\$18 19	
Mary L. Cilley							\$19 75
	\$713 94	\$611 20	\$29 28	\$10 88	\$11 81	\$18 19	\$19 75

ABATEMENTS ALLOWED ON 1956 TAX WARRANT

Name	Poll Tax	Property Tax	Yield Tax	Head Tax
Bartholemew, Frederick, veteran	\$2 00			
Benson, Betty, out of state	2 00			
Heckbert, Arthur, veteran	2 00			
Dodge, Abbie, over 70	2 00			\$5 00
Houston, Robert, paid in Mass.	2 00			5 00
Houston, Madoline, paid in Mass.	2 00			5 00
Hutchinson, Harry, paid in Mass.	2 00			
Magoon, Richard & Jeanne,				
Unable to collect				10 00
Pratt, Clifford, over 70	2 00			5 00
Sturow, Helmut, veteran	2 00			
Wason, Susan, non-resident	2 00			5 00
Champagne, Charles, Jr., paid in Wilton				5 00
Morrill, Mary J., over 70				5 00
	\$24 00			\$45 00

ABATEMENTS ALLOWED ON PRIOR YEARS

Lafield, William, residence unknown	\$4 00		\$10 00
Pitkins, Dorothy, deeded	\$7 70		
Roberts, Sumner, unable to collect		\$201 00	
	\$4 00	\$7 70	\$201 00 \$10 00

Any taxpayer holding a receipt or cancelled check as proof of payment on any of the listed unpaid tax levies, presenting the same to the Selectmen before 15 March 1957 will be credited accordingly.

CHARLES W. ABBOTT
FREDERICK H. THOMPSON
GEORGE E. KUNHARDT, JR.
Selectmen

To the Board of Selectmen
Francetown
New Hampshire
Gentlemen:

As requested by you the Town Advisory Committee has studied and investigated certain problems confronting the Town and makes the following recommendations to be presented at the Town Meeting in 1957.

It is recommended that an article be placed in the warrant to raise the sum of \$1,000 to be put into a capital reserve fund for the purchase of ground for a new cemetery. It is felt that if the money is available for this purpose when the opportunity arises to make such a purchase, the Selectmen will be in a position to take advantage of the situation.

It is also recommended that certain changes be made in the present zoning ordinance. A new ordinance has been drafted to replace the present one and it is requested that this be covered in the warrant to be submitted to the voters of the Town of Francetown.

The question of a town building in which to store the various pieces of equipment owned by the Town has been discussed and it is felt that a careful study be made, not only of the type building but whether or not a new building is necessary. It is recommended therefore, that a special committee be appointed to study this problem. It is further recommended that the Town raise the sum of \$2,000 to be applied to the capital reserve funds for the purpose of a new building and the sum of \$500 for the use of this committee to determine the needs and the information to present to the Town.

The problem of the roads was discussed and it is the belief of the Committee that a thorough study be made of each road and the needs of the residents living on each road. A plan for the improvement of each road should be made and a schedule submitted as to the time the work should be done. The cost of doing this work should be determined and a report submitted to the Town at the Town Meeting in 1958. However, because of the condition of certain roads it is recommended that the road appropriation be increased by the sum of \$2,000 as suggested by the Selectmen, to correct the worst spots on these roads.

Respectfully submitted,
S/FORD W. BOWMAN
S/PAUL T. BRADBURY
S/WILLIAM A. LORD
S/DONALD PRINCE
S/HARRY B. VARNUM

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